

7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

James Bennett  
Area Coroner Birmingham and Solihull  
The Corner's Court  
50 Newton Street  
Birmingham, B4 6E

Dear Mr Bennett,

Re: [REDACTED] Renee Brooks – Report to Prevent Future Deaths

We write in response to your Regulation 28 Report to prevent further deaths in relation to liposuction and the treatment of lipoedema. As a result of this request, both associations (BAPRAS & BAAPS) have agreed to work in partnership to create guidelines for the use of liposuction in the UK.

We recognise the importance of making the distinction between liposuction for the treatment of lipoedema and liposuction for purely cosmetic reasons but feel that we should create combined guidelines for the safe use of liposuction in all surgical procedures. We consider this to be particularly important as some commercial organisations have drawn up their own guidelines which appear to aim to control the use of the technique in an ill-informed manner. A definitive and all-encompassing set of guidelines will ensure that the distinction between the two types of procedures is readily apparent.

In order to create the guidelines, we have set up a joint BAAPS & BAPRAS expert panel. This panel will include invited expert members of both surgical associations, a member of the Association of Anaesthetists and any other relevant stakeholders that the co-chairs believe to be appropriate. Their report is intended to cover not only the specifics of the procedure but also the level of hospital support required, any pre-assessment needs and the potential need for a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) meeting for lipoedema patients. It is hoped that we can produce this report within the next six months and that it will be adopted by the wider sector, including those practitioners who are not members of our associations. The majority of liposuction in the UK is likely to be carried out by such practitioners and so we intend to submit these guidelines to the CQC for their use in the inspection of premises involved in liposuction.

We will forward the guidelines for your inspection prior to publication.

Yours sincerely,



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