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Dear

Re: <u>Prevention Future Deaths Report for lan Taylor</u> <u>DoD 30.06.2019 Case Ref:15980</u>

Further to your letter of the 13th June 2022, I was sorry to hear about the death of Mr Taylor and I have read the associated report on the prevention of future deaths.

The provision medical cover to police custodial units does not fall within the remit of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM). RCEM does not have responsibility for either determining in the access to healthcare staff within police custody units or the training of these staff. With regards to any decision concerning statutory changes to allow Police Officers to administer medication; RCEM is of the opinion that the safest approach to this issue would be to ensure adequate and timely access to healthcare assessment to police custody units for the whole 24hr period.

Yours,



Chair of the Quality in Emergency Care Committee, Royal College of Emergency Medicine

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