

Swanage Medical Practice

THE HEALTH CENTRE
STATION APPROACH
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PRACTICE MANAGER: [REDACTED]

Ref: KQ/nnr

Date: 15/08/2022

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Teresa Booth
Coroners Support Officer
[REDACTED]

Dear Teresa,

Thank you for the letter and report of the 9th August 2022 from Stephen Nicholls, Assistant Coroner.

As you will be aware, this incident has been discussed at a Significant Event Meeting at the Practice, where the GPs considered the amount of [REDACTED] prescribed in such cases and also the difficulty where patients fail to engage with GP and Mental Health services.

Another action point from the SEA was to arrange a meeting with the Purbeck CMHT lead. This has been arranged for the 30th September to discuss the challenges when patients fail to engage with services and to consider if any further actions can be taken.

In response to Mr Nicholls concerns and suggestions of the 9th August, I can also confirm that we have now created a protocol alert that triggers on the patient electronic record when any drugs in the [REDACTED] prescribing group are issued. This alert warns the prescriber to consider the amount and dosage being prescribed, and highlights the risk of the use of the drug combined with excess alcohol use. The alert also asks them to consider arranging a face to face medication review with the patient. This alert is available to all staff at the Practice who issue medications in the [REDACTED] prescribing group.

I trust these actions will meet with your approval.

With kind regards

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Practice Manager