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Dear Mr Brownhill

**Re. Response to Prevent Future Deaths Report touching the death of Mr John Henderson
(Date of Death: 27 May 2021)**

This response is made on behalf of Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust in response to the Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths dated 17 January 2023 following the inquest touching the death in custody of Mr John Henderson who died in custody in HMP Rochester on 27 May 2021, with the matter of concern outlined below;

My concern being that there did not appear to be a clear process for prisoners to consent to disclosure of medical information to front line officers so that they could be made aware that a particular prisoner may be prone to sudden or unexpected medical episodes.

My concern was that a prisoner could have a sudden (but perhaps predictable) acute medical episode and front-line prison staff may not be made aware of what was causing the issue or how to respond thereto.

Since this inquest, Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust has worked closely with HMPPS to introduce a Personal Management Plan (PMP) which provides a way of sharing information between healthcare staff and prison officers.

Healthcare staff identify prisoners with chronic conditions who need to be monitored closely during the induction process and seek consent to disclose medical information. When this is granted, they place an alert on the prisoner's NOMIS record and provide guidance to staff about the level of observations necessary and the actions to take should the prisoner's condition deteriorate. This is also recorded in the wing observation book and diary so that it is accessible to all staff. Prison staff conduct the appropriate observations and record them on NOMIS. Prisoners with PMPs are discussed daily at the multidisciplinary morning briefings held by the Governor and at the weekly Safety Interventions Meeting, both of which are attended by healthcare staff. A copy of the PMP document is attached for your information.

I hope my response has adequately addressed your concerns.

Yours Sincerely

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