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Dear Mr Lane,

## Re: Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths letter David Ernest Mason, deceased

I write in response to your regulation 28 report of 19 April 2023 regarding the very sad death of Mr David Ernest Mason. I would like to express my sincere condolences to Mr Mason's family.

We have reflected on the circumstances surrounding Mr Mason's death, and the concerns raised in your report. We note your suggestion that the issues raised in your report should be considered in the development of our new guideline on adrenal insufficiency, particularly that replacement steroid therapy must be given to patients with adrenal insufficiency who have suffered trauma or physiological stress.

I can confirm that the scope of this guideline covers adrenal crisis including identification and emergency management and preventing adrenal crisis during periods of physiological stress, which includes trauma. Membership of the guideline committee recruited for this topic includes two paramedic co-optees, as well as health professionals who see people with adrenal crisis or who are at risk of adrenal crisis in the emergency department.

Please do let me know if you require any further information and again, I offer my sincerest condolences to Mr Mason's family.

Yours sincerely,



**Chief Executive**