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Dr. Hassell
Senior Coroner
Inner North London
St Pancras Coroner's Court
Camley Street
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14 July 2017

Dear Dr. Hassell,

I am writing in response to the Regulation 28 (Prevention of Future Deaths) report into the death of Nasar Ahmed.

First and foremost our thoughts are with Nasar's family in what must be a very difficult time for them. We also recognise that Nasar's death has had a significant impact on health and education professionals across Tower Hamlets and that the teams treating Nasar at the Royal London Hospital have been deeply affected by it.

We have considered the circumstances around Nasar Ahmed's death and each of the concerns you raise. We have addressed these concerns in the form of an action plan attached. In addition to actions addressing the concerns specified in your report we will work with partners to fulfil the following system wide actions:

Implementation of the Asthma Friendly Schools Project

Universal use of the Healthy London Partnership Paediatric asthma toolkit for training staff across health and education.

Enhanced knowledge of long term conditions in childhood to improve health, education and individuals self-management of chronic health problems.

Standardisation of acute and chronic asthma management across Tower Hamlets in line with the London Paediatric Asthma standards and incorporating the NICE quality standard and the proposed diagnosis and management standard to be published October 2017. This work will be supported by the North East London Children and Young People's Asthma Alliance.

I trust that our response addresses your concerns and that the action plan supports the prevention of future deaths from acute asthma and anaphylaxis. If there is any further information you require please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Chief Medical Officer
Barts Health NHS Trust

Attachment: Barts Health NHS Trust Regulation 28 action plan