

British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology

Studio 16, Cloisters House, 8 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4BG Tel: +44 (0) 207 501 3910 Fax: +44 (0) 207 627 2599 Email: info@bsaci.org Website: www.bsaci.org

To: Coroner M E Hassell Senior Coroner Inner North London St Pancras Coroner's Court Camley Street London N1C 4PP

Tuesday July 11th, 2017

Regulation 28: Prevention of Future Deaths Report: Re: Inquest into the death of Nasar AHMED (died 14.11.16)

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the investigation into the death of Nasar Ahmed. You have asked me, as President of BSACI, to respond to your report and to set out details of action taken or proposed to be taken in response to your report.

The British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology (BSACI) is the society that represents professionals who work within the field of Allergy in the UK. BSACI has a long track record of providing resources to both our members and to the wider professional community to support practice in dealing with allergic conditions. The circumstances around Nasar's death are not novel to this Society and, therefore, for many years we have provided guidance in order to reduce the risk of similar cases in the future.

We have produced a number of national guidelines using a process accredited by NICE (National Institute of Care Excellence) and these include the following:

- 1. BSACI Guidelines for the Management of Egg Allergy (2010)
- 2. BSACI Guidelines for Diagnosis and Management of Cows Milk Allergy (2014)
- 3. BSACI Guidelines on Adrenaline Auto-injectors (2016)
- 4. BSACI Guidelines on the Diagnosis and Management of Nut Allergy (2017)

In addition, we have promoted the use of written personalised emergency management plans for anaphylactic reactions. We have developed templates which can be used by all healthcare professionals available on the BSACI website and these can be tailored to each individual's personal circumstances and allergies.

BSACI have also been part of a campaign to ensure that schools can hold spare adrenaline auto-injectors without prescription for use in emergencies. This required an amendment to the Human Medicines Regulations Act 2012. We were informed last week that the amendment has been accepted (<u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2017/715</u>). The revised regulations will come into effect on 1 October 2017 and will allow schools to buy adrenaline auto-injectors without prescription for use in emergencies from a pharmaceutical supplier in small quantities provided it is done on an occasional basis and not for profit. Furthermore a working group has been set up to develop a website which will provide online resources to support school staff with this.

Further information on these BSACI initiatives is available on <u>www.bsaci.org</u>. If you would like to discuss the contents of my letter I would be pleased to speak to you.

With kind regards Yours sincerely

President BSACI