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Dear Mr Irvine,

Thank you for your Regulation 28 report to prevent future deaths dated 28 April 2023 about the death of Winbourne Gregory Charles. I am replying as the Minister with responsibility for mental health and patient safety.

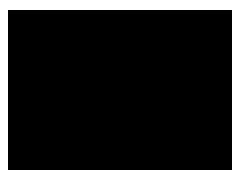
Firstly, I would like to say how saddened I was to read of the circumstances of Winbourne's death and I offer my sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. The circumstances your report describes are concerning and I am grateful to you for bringing these matters to my attention. Please accept my sincere apologies for the significant delay in responding to this matter.

Your report raises concerns over the provision and coordination of care that Winbourne received at North East London NHS Foundation Trust, which are mainly for the Trust to address. I understand that the Trust has already carefully considered the matters of concern in your report and has provided you with a comprehensive response as well as a copy of its action plan setting out the actions to be taken to improve care quality and patient safety.

From a national perspective, I would add that we published a new 5-year Suicide Prevention Strategy for England on 11 September with over 130 actions that we believe will make progress towards our ambition to reduce the suicide rate within two and a half years. The strategy is a call to action for national and local government, the health service, the VCSE sector, employers and individuals to work together to help prevent suicides.

I hope this response is helpful. Thank you for bringing these concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely,



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