

8 June 2023

Mr Michael Spencer
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Dear Mr Spencer,

I write in response to your regulation 28 report, sent to NICE on 9 May 2023, regarding the very sad death of Joshua Asprey. I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Joshua's family.

We have reflected on the circumstances surrounding Mr Asprey's death, and the concerns raised in your report regarding the British National Formulary (BNF) entry for sertraline.

The BNF is a joint publication of BMJ Group and Pharmaceutical Press, the publishing division of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. While we make the BNF available on the NICE website, responsibility for the content remains with the publishers and therefore NICE cannot comment on the concerns you have raised.

I am aware that your report has also been sent to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society who will be better placed to respond to your concerns.

Yours sincerely,



Chief executive