

11 October 2023

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Dear Mr Covell,

I write in response to your regulation 28 report, sent to NICE on 4 September 2023, regarding the very sad death of Ms Talia Phillips. I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Ms Phillips' family.

We have reflected on the circumstances surrounding Ms Phillips' death and the concerns raised in your report regarding monitoring requirements for fluoxetine.

We have made recommendations on the use of antidepressants in our guidelines on the treatment of [anxiety](#) and we have also published guidance on safe prescribing of antidepressants in our [guideline on medicines associated with dependence or withdrawal symptoms](#). However, we consider that the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), as the regulator of medicines, would be best placed to address concerns you have raised regarding monitoring requirements as these are covered by the summary of product characteristics (SmPC) for a drug, a document which is agreed by the MHRA. We would therefore suggest you send the regulation 28 report to the [MHRA](#) for their consideration.

If the MHRA issues revised prescribing advice, we would consider whether any relevant NICE guidance needs to be amended.

Please do let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



**Chief Executive**