

30 June 2023

Dear Ms Combes,

**James Edward Philliskirk (deceased)
Regulation 28**

Please find enclosed Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust's formal response to your Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths dated 10 May 2023. Under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013 you requested the Trust to consider your matters for concern and take action to prevent future deaths.

As Chief Executive of the Trust, I met with [REDACTED] on 12th June 2023. I took this opportunity to say how very sorry I am to James and everyone who loved him, that Sheffield Children's Hospital contributed to James's death by neglect. I am sorry that we misdiagnosed him and that he wasn't provided the right treatment whilst in our care.

I feel regretful that we did not meet sooner and whilst it felt important to apologise in person, I also regret that we were not in touch with the family straight after the inquest to offer our apologies. This is something I have ensured we change straight away.

The outcome of the inquest and matters for concern for preventing future deaths, our serious incident actions and wider review of areas for improvement, all ensure we will learn and take action. However, hearing James's story directly from his parents, and their lived experience over the last year, brought into stark focus the areas we must learn from at Sheffield Children's Hospital. I took immediate personal action to ensure I was fully appraised and assured of the actions we had in place and continued to take.

We also accepted [REDACTED] generous offer to speak to our Trust Board and she joined us on Tuesday 27th June. The impact of our whole Board of Directors hearing James's story directly from [REDACTED] was palpable. It was a poignant moment in our Trust history that will be remembered by us all and will inform how we seek assurance in the future. I have arranged to provide a full update to [REDACTED] in July and this will be followed up with a meeting on 13th July 2023.

I trust that this letter and the enclosed Trust's Regulation 28 Response provides adequate assurance on the matters of concern.

[REDACTED]
Chief Executive



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Chair

Please do not hesitate to contact myself if you require anything further.

Yours Sincerely,




Chief Executive


Chief Executive




Chair