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Mr J Dixey Assistant Coroner
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21st March 2024

Dear Mr Dixey

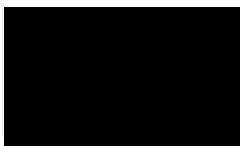
Letter to prevent future deaths

Thank you for your letter dated 12th January 2024 regarding Iona Grace Buckingham who sadly died on 4th December 2022. We understand that you sent the letter to Northants ICB due to your concerns about the funding arrangements for paediatric radiology outside of 9am-5pm on Mondays and Fridays.

Following your letter, the ICB has been working closely with University Hospitals of Northamptonshire, NHSE Midlands, and Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland ICB to consider and support the pathways available for patients who need access to paediatric radiology outside of normal working hours. We understand that UHN is considering the possibility of joint recruitment of a radiologist with a paediatric sub specialism working between Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust and University of Leicester NHS Trust. We also understand that a paediatric consultant is being trained in Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) and there are charitable funds requested for the purchase of a POCUS ultrasound machine for the department.

As an ICB we are happy to continue working alongside our acute colleagues to support a resilient safe model for patients.

Yours sincerely



Chief Medical Officer