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Dear Mrs Lakin,

Thank you for the Regulation 28 report to prevent future deaths of 9 February 2024 about the death of Narjit Gill. I am replying as Minister with responsibility for mental health.

Firstly, I would like to say how saddened I was to read of the circumstances of Mr Gill's death, and I offer my sincere condolences to their family and loved ones. The circumstances your report describes are concerning and I am grateful to you for bringing these matters to my attention. Thank you for the additional time provided to the department to provide a response to the concern raised in the report.

The report raises concerns over the failure to remove the ladder and/or noose from the tree in Mr Gill's garden when it was seen on 3 May 2023 by mental health practitioners who visited Mr Gill at his home, in light of his continued expression of suicidal ideation.

In preparing this response, Departmental officials have made enquiries with NHS England.

The matters of concern raised are primarily for the Trust to address, and I note that the Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust (CWPT) has addressed your concern in detail in their response. CWPT has identified learning points in their internal learning review and have advised that they have recently updated information packs focussed on 'Suicide Prevention: Red Flags' and recommenced their internal Risk Assessment Training.

It is vital that lessons are learnt collectively, and changes are made to reflect where things have gone wrong, which is essential to ensure the NHS provides safe, high-quality care.

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

Yours sincerely,



MARIA CAULFIELD MP