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Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Our reference: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Devonish

**Re: Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths Report (Thomas Geoffrey Wakefield)**

Further to your regulation 28 report dated 2 May 2024 regarding the very sad death of Thomas Geoffrey Wakefield, I am writing to update on progress taken since our response dated 25 June 2024. In this we committed to amend our [guideline for pancreatitis](#) (NG104) from *"Diagnosis of acute pancreatitis is confirmed by testing blood lipase or amylase levels, which are usually raised"* to *'A diagnosis of acute pancreatitis is supported by testing blood lipase or amylase levels, which are usually raised, although raised blood lipase or amylase levels may occur in other conditions'*.

Our apologies for the delay in providing an update. We can confirm that this action has now been completed via a post-publication amendment to the guideline. Our sympathies continue to be with Mr Wakefield's family and we hope this update and action taken is of some reassurance to them.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Professor [REDACTED]  
Chief Medical Officer, Deputy CEO and Interim Director of the Centre for Guidelines, NICE

