

Ms M E Voisin
Her Majesty's Senior Coroner

The Coroner's Court
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13th September 2024

Dear Ms Voisin,

Further to your prevention of Future Deaths Notice following the conclusion of your inquest (4th May 2024) into the death of Joseph Lawrence Parker who died on 16th April 2022, we would like to extend our sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Parker.

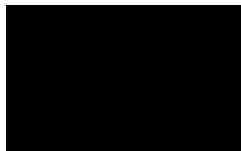
We note Mr Parker sustained a cardiac arrest after being intubated by the intensive care team whilst in the emergency department. Initially the oesophagus was intubated and then subsequently (approximately 7 minutes later) this was rectified by tracheal intubation which resulted in return of spontaneous circulation. Unfortunately, Mr Parker did not recover and died whilst in the intensive care unit.

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM) fully supports:

- adequate staffing for Resuscitation Areas (one registered nurse for each patient and two nurses for cardiac arrests)
- multi-speciality and multidisciplinary simulation training between departments (including failed or difficulty airway drills)
- standardisation of equipment between critical areas, including difficult airway trolleys
- the use of intubation checklists
- the use of capnography both in the resuscitation area and for transport monitors

These and other standards and recommendations currently form part of an existing document which provides a framework for collaborative working between Emergency Medicine (EM) and Intensive Care Medicine (ICM) [1]. As a specialty we will continue to work closely with the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine and seek to improve upon our existing guidance to highlight the importance of waveform capnography in the early recognition of oesophageal intubation.

Yours sincerely,



Chair, Quality in Emergency Care Committee

1. BETTER TOGETHER: Collaborative working between Emergency and Critical Care. COLLABORATIVE WORKING BETWEEN EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE. July 2021

https://rcem.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/RCEM_FICM_Better_Together_Framework.pdf