



18 September 2024

Dr Samantha Goward
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(Via email: [redacted])

Dear Dr Goward

Regulation 28: Report to prevent future deaths

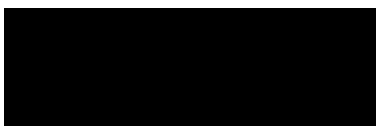
Thank you for your letter of 1 August 2024 concerning the death of Derryck Crocker following an air embolism.

The Royal Society of Medicine is a membership organisation, including 55 specialist sections that provide an extensive programme of educational events to ensure doctors keep up to date in their respective fields. This puts us in an excellent position to provide ongoing education about the risks of air embolism and its management.

In response to Regulation 28, I can confirm the following actions:

- The Presidents of all the relevant specialist Sections at the RSM have been asked to add in the risks of air embolism and its management to any appropriate educational events for the coming year.
- The Patient Safety section, which is running its 14th annual event for those at medical school and junior doctors, will use its Patient Safety Summit on 14 November 2024 to elevate the profile of the risks of air embolism and the signs and symptoms that might be seen following any invasive procedure. This will be covered by a specialist in anaesthetics.

Yours sincerely,



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