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Dear Dr Radcliffe

Report to prevent future deaths Hannah Eniola Angela Ayomipo Jacobs 09.10.2024

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) notes with concern the content of the Regulation 28 report for the prevention of future deaths related to the death of Hannah Eniola Angela Ayomipo Jacobs.

We send our sincere condolences to the family of Hannah Eniola Angela Ayomipo Jacobs.

The Regulation 28 report is addressed to the President of the Royal College of Physicians but we note that Hannah was 13 years old, and therefore her care would be part of paediatric services, rather than adult services. However, RCP holds a Joint Committee on Immunology and Allergy that brings together professional leads in allergy for adult services. In addition the RCP hosts the IQAS accreditation programme for adult allergy services that develops standards for allergy services, and accredits services for achieving these standards.

Sadly the key elements outlined in this tragic case have also been outlined in previous Regulation 28 notices when people have died from the preventable effects of acute allergic reactions. The dominant issues in Hannah's case were the recognition of allergic/anaphylactic reaction by the patient, parent and health professionals, and the carrying and use of self administered adrenaline when anaphylaxis may be occurring.

These elements need to be addressed through

- Adequate provision of allergy services across the UK for both adults and children. This will be important as part of NHS England and other nations workforce plans.

- Education of healthcare professionals in all sectors on recognition diagnosis and management of allergy and anaphylaxis, including the carrying and use of self administered adrenaline.
- National leadership for allergy within the NHS and across sectors that can contribute to reducing the risk for patients and populations.

The RCP will work with Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Royal College of Pathologists, British Society for Immunology – Clinical Immunology Professional Network, British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology, dental and pharmacy professional groups, to agree and support standards of care and education related to allergy. This will include updating standards for allergy accreditation, including the adoption of the BSACI adult allergy action plan where many of the aspects related to this case are addressed including carrying adrenaline autoinjectors, and difficulty in swallowing is an indication for the use of adrenaline.

The RCP will continue to highlight the importance of education (around self-management and allergen avoidance) and access to service user support groups for services registered and accredited with IQAS, and more widely.

We will also continue to promote multidisciplinary care for people with allergy including dietetic support. As a member of the expert advisory group on allergy (EAGA) the RCP is working on the development of the UK National Allergy Strategy. The UK National Allergy Strategy aims to provide a collaborative approach to improving health outcomes and other unmet needs of the allergic community across the UK.

Yours sincerely




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