



The Royal Wolverhampton

NHS Trust

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Dear Mr Siddique,

We have been asked to assist Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (“the Trust”) in relation to your Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths (PFD) dated 12 August 2024. The PFD followed the inquest of Mr Parminder Singh Sanghera and it is our understanding that it was addressed to the Chief Executive at the Trust as being a person with the power to take relevant action in relation to the concerns raised in the PFD.

Those concerns are that no Mental Health Act Assessment took place at New Cross Hospital or whilst Mr Sanghera was in custody and have suggested that the Trust might wish to review arrangements required before discharge from hospital.

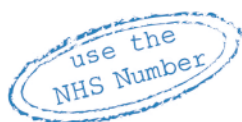
As you are aware, the Trust was not an Interested Person at the inquest (but provided factual witness evidence) and did not have the opportunity to make representations to the Coroner regarding the way in which mental health services are provided. It did not have an opportunity to address any concerns subsequently set out in, the PFD.

Whilst the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (the Trust) is committed to delivering an excellent standard of care to all patients, including those with mental disorders/illness, it does not deliver direct mental health services or mental health intervention and does not provide any mental health services. The Trust does however, make referrals to the Mental Health Liaison Service which is provided by the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

The Emergency Department at New Cross Hospital has a clear procedure in place for patients whose behaviour is causing concern without an identified medical cause (see Document 1 attached), This involves a referral to the Mental Health Liaison Service (see Referral Form, Document 2 attached). This service is available 24/7 and has response time of within 1 hour.

Interim Group Chief Executive: [REDACTED]
Chair of the Board: [REDACTED]
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The Mental Health Liaison Service aims to provide acute mental health assessment, treatment and support to individuals in New Cross, West Park and Cannock Chase
A Teaching Trust of the University of Birmingham



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Hospitals, this includes patients treated in the Emergency Department and assessed as medically fit for discharge. Part of the Liaison Service's role is to assess acute mental health needs and ensure that they receive the help that they need, including undertaking a formal Mental Health Act Assessment with a view to detention under section 2 or section 3 if considered to be necessary. The referral criteria includes individuals who have "deliberately caused harm to themselves by overdose of medication or by other methods with suicidal intent".

On the two occasions during February 2023, the 9th and the 11th when Mr Sanghera attended the Emergency Department, a referral was correctly made to the Mental Health Liaison Service provided by the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in accordance with Trust protocol and he was assessed by them. On the 2 early occasions they determined that he did not have a mental disorder (therefore not requiring a Mental Health Act assessment) with a view to being fit for discharge. The Trust therefore do not have the power to determine next steps in relation to a patient's mental health concerns when input has been sought appropriately from the mental health service.

Further, on the latter attendance the 12th February, the Trust does not provide any mental health "input" in relation to those in police custody. It is understood that this would be provided by the Liaison and Diversion Service – which will be organised at a local level between the police and mental health services and is subject to a Memorandum of Understanding between services. Again, this is not something that the Trust would have any involvement in.

We believe that the Coroner may be directing his concerns regarding mental health services to the wrong trust, however the Trust does wish to respond to the PFD as comprehensively as possible and to assist in clarifying how the various services interact. As the Coroner will see there is no further relevant action within the Trust's power which could have been taken by the Trust to address the Coroner's concerns set in the PFD.

We hope you find this response comprehensive. If you require any further information, please let us know.


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