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By email to: [REDACTED]

Our reference: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Wilson,

Re: Update following Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths Report in respect of Imogen Heap – Your reference: 17194301

I write to you following our response to your regulation 28 report, dated 8 November 2024, regarding the very sad death of Imogen Heap.

As outlined in our previous response, we reflected on the circumstances surrounding Imogen's death and acknowledged that relevant NICE guideline, [generalised anxiety disorder and panic disorder in adults: management \[CG113\]](#), did not make any recommendation on the use of propranolol for the treatment of anxiety.

We also outlined that our guidance surveillance team would review any current evidence and consult with topic experts to consider whether an update to CG113 was required, we have now had a surveillance review and discussed with our GP advisors.

The [Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency \(MHRA\)](#) have told us that they will not be issuing a drug safety update (DSU) for propranolol. The MHRA stated that *'The issue of whether or not a DSU was warranted was considered within MHRA in Autumn 2024 and then discussed at one of the monthly DSU planning meetings where a decision was taken not to issue a safety communication. One of the concerns with any communication was inadvertently raising the profile of propranolol overdose. A couple of factors which were taken into consideration are that (i) quite a lot of overdoses with propranolol are mixed overdoses of more than one drug, and that (ii) propranolol is used very widely with millions of items prescribed and used safely each year'*. Therefore, our conclusion is that we will not be updating CG113 at this time.

I hope this update is helpful. I would like to reiterate my continued condolences to Imogen's family.

Yours sincerely,

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