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Dear Mr Reid

Re Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths

Please accept this letter in response to your Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths received on the 18th November 2024, following the Inquest touching on the death of Teresa Auriemma.

In your Regulation 28 report, you identified the following matters of concern relating to the Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (WAHT).

1) You were concerned that the Trust has not ensured that its doctors:

- (a) understand the importance generally of U&E monitoring before prescribing intravenous fluids; and
- (b) are aware of, and comply with specific policies concerning this issue, such as that relating to the management of hypokalaemia (WAHT-PHA-020).

In response to this please find below the actions the trust have taken:

1a)

- i. An advisory notice has gone out to all doctors to remind them to prescribe IV fluids and monitor electrolytes as per NICE guidance (which are printed on the reverse of every intravenous fluid prescription sheet).
- ii. A working party has been set up to examine the reasons for non-compliance with these standards, and to address any knowledge or skills gap that is identified.
- iii. As the Trust moves towards electronic prescribing, technology is used where appropriate to prompt medical staff to consider blood test results for patients requiring intravenous fluids.

1b)

- i. The Trust has reviewed the full suite of electrolyte correction policies. This will form the benchmark from which actions may be judged.
- ii. The Trust has improved the visibility and search function of the Trust's intranet page so that policies are readily available on demand.
- iii. There are planned actions to get all of the doctors in the Trust to do some Continued Professional Development (CPD) on electrolyte balance

Yours sincerely

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