

Samantha Goward
Area Coroner for the coroner area of Norfolk
Ref: 2024-0699

By email: [REDACTED]

24th February 2025

Dear Ms Samantha Goward,

RE: Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Death Report for Mr Oliver James Winson, deceased.

We are writing to you regarding the report into the death of Mr Oliver James Winson dated 20th December 2024. We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of Mr Winson.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) is the professional leadership body for pharmacists and pharmacy in Great Britain, representing all sectors of pharmacy. Our role is to lead and support development of the pharmacy profession including the advancement of science, practice, education and knowledge in pharmacy. We transferred our regulatory role to the General Pharmaceutical Council ('GPhC') in 2010 and they now regulate pharmacy and pharmacy professionals in Great Britain.

The RPS has taken the opportunity to write to you regarding this Prevention of Future Death report (PFD), as we believe that any PFD reports published involving pharmacy and the pharmacy profession should be responded to, to allow any learning to be shared more widely and help to prevent future deaths.

The RPS in November 2024 published a report entitled [Medicines Shortages: Solutions for Empty Shelves](#), which articulates some of the concerns raised in your report (in relation to the national shortage of ADHD medicines), and through the



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implementation of some of the recommendations for collaborative action, may help to address them. The Report is a culmination of extensive engagement and collaboration with patients, the pharmacy profession, wider healthcare professionals and the key local, regional and national stakeholders integral to ensure the continuity of medicines supply. The RPS Report and its recommendations have been presented to UK Government bodies during November and December 2024.

There is growing concern about the impact of medicines shortages on patient care in the UK. All medicines shortages have the potential to raise concerns for patient safety. Through the engagement and research phase of the RPS Medicines Shortages project, together with feedback from our members, we know this is having a significant and distressing impact on patients and professionally frustrating for pharmacists who want to see patients get the best care they can.

Patient safety concerns are multifactorial with medicines shortages. These issues are explored in detail in our Medicines Shortages Report following a comprehensive assessment of what is causing medicines shortages, their impact on patients, pharmacists and healthcare professionals and what more can be done to mitigate and manage medicines shortages.

Thank you for highlighting your concerns in this prevention of future death report. We will consider how we can continue to raise awareness of these important issues through our future communications and engagement with the wider pharmacy sector. We will also raise these issues with our colleagues at the professional and representative bodies for pharmacy as they also play an important role in providing advice and support to the pharmacy professions.

Should you require any further information on the [RPS Medicines Shortages Report](#) please contact Alwyn Fortune, Policy Lead for the Medicines Shortages work, via email Alwyn.Fortune@rpharms.com

Yours sincerely,

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