

3 April 2025

Ms Elizabeth Gray  
Area Coroner for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

By email

Dear Ms Gray,

**Re: Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths Report in respect of  
Amelia Alexandra Anuszkia Ridout**

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to respond to your Regulation 28 report, dated 11 February 2025, regarding the tragic death of Amelia Ridout from a bone marrow biopsy.

Firstly, we would like to convey our sincere condolences to Amelia's family. Amelia suffered a truly tragic outcome from a routine procedure required for diagnosis and monitoring of haematological disease.

There has been much discussion about actions we can take to minimise the risk of the procedure and ensure such a tragedy does not happen again. These actions include:

1. Gather data, via survey to trainee haematologists, to understand the training, competencies and support they receive in undertaking this procedure, both for adults and children.
2. Gather data, via a Blood Cancer UK survey, on experiences of adult patients and parents of children who have received the procedure.
3. Review the literature and evidence regarding adverse outcomes after bone marrow aspirate and trephine biopsy on adults and children, and safest techniques.
4. With these sources of information, develop a national guideline for recommended methodology and include recommendations for training and competency assessment.
5. Improve existing consent processes to include the rare risk of death and add these to the guideline.
6. Explore the possibility of developing a registry of complications to inform future guidelines.
7. Establish an audit process for Trusts to monitor their performance and ensure proper implementation of national guidance.

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8. Name the recommended method Millie's method, in accordance with Mr Ridout's request.

Whilst we acknowledge that completion of these actions will take time, we are pleased to confirm that the wheels are already in motion.

Additionally, we have been in communication with NICE, who has offered to contribute as needed, in the guideline production and implementation.

Yours sincerely,



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