

BY EMAIL

Heidi J Connor
Senior Coroner for Berkshire

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Dear Madam Coroner,

Thank you for providing RCS England with details in your recent issuance of a Regulation 28: Report to Prevent Future Deaths. The Chief Executive has passed this notice to me as the Vice-President responsible for patient safety.

We are extremely sorry to hear of the death of Lorraine Parker and express our sincere condolences to her family.

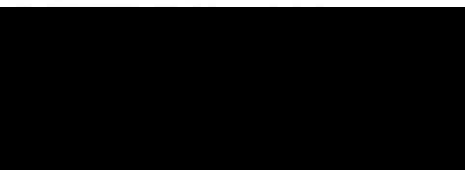
We take note of the cautionary points made within the report, specifically, the need to take note of increasing CRP following sigmoid colectomy and bowel anastomosis for adenocarcinoma, and the failure, in this case, to act on this to obtain appropriate imaging in a timely manner.

Deterioration of the surgical patient following bowel surgery, and appropriate perioperative care, is covered in the postgraduate training surgical curriculum in the Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Programme (often referred to as 'ISCP'). We note that the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland (ACPGBI) has been informed of the report and they are best placed to consider the need for guidance. We will contact them to support their assessment and any dissemination of guidance or other communications.

We will ensure that a precautionary anonymised educational surgical vignette relating to this death is included in the Confidential Reporting System for Surgery (CORESS) surgical safety feedback reports published in the journals of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and circulated to our members. We will also encourage the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh to do the same.

Thank you for drawing our attention to this unfortunate case.

Yours Sincerely,



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