



# The Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland

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**Heidi J Connor**

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Dear Ms Connor,

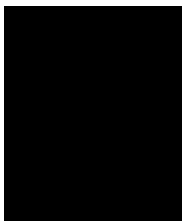
Thank you for your correspondence dated 23 April 2025 in the form of Regulation 28: Report to Prevent Future Deaths. I am writing on behalf of the ACPGBI Executive Committee, which I currently Chair as President.

The report has been scrutinised by me and discussed by the Executive Committee on 2 June 2025.

In relation to the matters of concern raised, I attach Issues in Professional Practice Guidance on the Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of Colorectal Anastomotic Leak, produced in collaboration with ACPGBI. Although published in 2016, the guidance around post-operative CRP monitoring and triggering subsequent radiological investigation remains as pertinent to clinical practice now as it was then. Please see in particular pages 16-17, where cut off values for CRP triggering a subsequent CT scan are also considered. In addition, there have been several subsequent publications (available on Pubmed) confirming this practice.

On this basis, given current guidance exists, it is the view of the ACPGBI Executive that further additional guidance from ACPGBI is not required at this time. It is not clear to the Executive whether this existing guidance was considered during the investigative process outlined.

Yours sincerely,



**President, ACPGBI**

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