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HM Coroner Louise Hunt
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By email: [REDACTED]

24 July 2025

Dear Ms Hunt,

Thank you for the Regulation 28 report of 16 May 2025 sent to the Secretary of State about the death of Mrs Tina Louise Doig. I am replying as the Minister with responsibility for Secondary Care.

Firstly, I would like to say how saddened I was to read of the circumstances of Mrs Doig's death, and I offer my sincere condolences to their family and loved ones. The circumstances your report describes are very concerning and I am grateful to you for bringing these matters to my attention.

The report raises concerns that the Trust's haematology department at the time of Mrs Doig's stem cell transplant was understaffed, often leaving very little time for comprehensive reviews to be carried out. A consultant haematologist from the Trust confirmed this situation was continuing at the time of the inquest.

Individual NHS Trusts and other employers are responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient staff to provide safe care. I would expect NHS Trusts and other relevant organisations to review their staffing levels, including in non-patient facing roles, to ensure that they are appropriate in the wake of the death of Mrs Doig.

Trusts already have a duty through Regulation 18 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 to regularly review the number of staff and range of skills needed to safely meet the needs of people using their services.

I note that you have also sent this report to University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, and Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Service and expect that they will respond regarding the concerns about the services involved.

I hope this response is helpful. Thank you for bringing these concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely,



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