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Dear Ms Knight

Re: Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths Report (Liliwen Iris Thomas)

I write in response to your regulation 28 report dated 8 July 2025 regarding the very sad death of Liliwen Iris Thomas. I would like to express my sincere condolences to Liliwen's family.

I have asked the patient safety leads at NICE to carefully consider the content of your report with respect to the areas for which NICE is responsible, and with specific regard to the NICE guidelines on induction of labour and intrapartum care.

I can confirm that we will consider updating the recommendations in our guidelines on inducing [labour \(NG207\)](#) and [intrapartum care \(NG235\)](#) as a result of the issues raised in your report. This will include the following specific considerations:

1. NG207 recommendation 1.5.4. What is the optimum frequency of clinical assessments (including vaginal assessments) in women before active labour, and where women require increasing levels of pain relief during labour?
2. NG235 recommendation 1.6. We will consider updating the pain relief section to discuss the use of combination therapies and at what point further monitoring is required.
3. NG207 recommendation 1.5.6-8 in We will also consider if these recommendations need updating.

Given that some of the matters of concern relate to policies and practices within Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, these are not areas that we can comment on, but I understand that you have also shared your report with the Health Board.

Once we have concluded our review and decided on any updates needed to our guidance, we will write to you once more with the outcome.

I hope that the information above is helpful and would like to reiterate my sincere condolences to Liliwen's family.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive