

Mountfield Surgery

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Date : 18th September 2025

To:

HM Senior Coroner

Inner North London

St Pancras Coroner's Court

Dear Ms Hassell,

Re: Regulation 28 Report – Prevention of Future Deaths

Deceased: Norah (Noreen Philomena) McGlynn

Date of Death: 3 February 2025

Thank you for your Regulation 28 Report dated 11 July 2025 regarding the sad death of Mrs McGlynn. We wish to express our condolences to her family for their loss.

We have carefully considered your concerns regarding whether intravenous (IV) rehydration could have been offered in the home environment. After review, we must confirm that Mountfield Surgery is unable to provide IV rehydration at home. The reasons are as follows:

Clinical Safety and Monitoring

IV rehydration requires continuous monitoring for complications such as fluid overload, electrolyte imbalance, and infection.

Such monitoring is only safely provided within a hospital or equivalent acute setting where medical and nursing staff are available at all times.

Scope of Primary Care Services

GPs and community-based clinicians do not have the resources, equipment, or staffing to deliver and monitor IV therapy at home.

Current NHS community pathways do not provide for IV fluid administration in domiciliary settings for acutely unwell patients.

Alternative Community Support

Where patients are unable to maintain oral hydration and hospital admission is not desired, community nursing teams may provide limited subcutaneous fluid administration (hypodermoclysis) in certain circumstances.

However, this is not an equivalent substitute for IV fluids and is subject to local service availability and suitability for the patient.

Conclusion and Next Steps

We therefore respectfully submit that IV rehydration is not clinically appropriate or safe to administer at home. We will, however, raise this matter with our local NHS partners to review whether community subcutaneous rehydration pathways could be more widely available, in order to provide alternatives for patients who wish to avoid hospital admission.

We will also be engaging with our local Primary Care Network (PCN 6) to gather their views on providing rehydration IV therapy at home.

We thank you for bringing this important matter to our attention and will continue to ensure our patients and their families are supported with clear explanations of available options in similar situations.

Yours sincerely,

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Senior Partner

Mountfield Surgery