

20 February 2025

Mr Henry Charles  
HM Assistant Coroner for Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton  
Coroner's Court  
1 Guildhall Square  
Portsmouth  
PO1 2GJ

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Dear Mr Charles,

**Re: Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths Report in respect of Matilda Pomfret-Thomas**

I write in response to your regulation 28 report, dated 15 January 2026, regarding the very sad death of Matilda Pomfret-Thomas. I would like to express my sincere condolences to Matilda's family.

We have reflected on the circumstances surrounding Matilda's death and senior clinical advisers within our patient safety team have reviewed the concerns raised in your report, which we note has also been sent to the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

The registration, regulation and training of Doulas is not the responsibility of NICE and is better addressed by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), Royal College of Midwives (RCM) and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG).

I hope that this clarification is helpful and I would like to reiterate my sincere condolences to Matilda's family.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive