



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Minister of State for Health (Secondary Care)

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Dear Andrew Walker

Thank you for the Regulation 28 report of 12 March 2026 sent to the Department of Health and Social Care about the death of Albert Thomas Bellingham. I am replying as the Minister with responsibility for NHS workforce.

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

The report raises concerns about the care of pressure sores in care homes and in particular, the consideration of guidance and appropriate training for doctors working in care homes when managing pressure sores.

In considering your report, officials within the Department of Health and Social Care have made enquiries with NHS England and concluded that these concerns are more appropriately addressed by NHS England directly. I am advised that NHS England will therefore provide you with a full and comprehensive response on the concerns you have raised.

I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH