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HM Coroner Nigel Parsley
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Dear Mr. Parsley

Thank you for the Regulation 28 report of 17 June 2026 about the death of Jake Harvey Read. I am replying as a Minister at the Department of Health and Social Care.

Firstly, I would like to say how saddened I was to read of the circumstances of Mr Read'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 availability of guidance on the administration of medication to patients in a state of agitation or crisis, particularly in relation to timelines; and the ability of non-medical prescribers to both prescribe and access prescription medicines in emergency departments for patients presenting in such circumstances. Responsibility for these matters, including relevant clinical guidance, service delivery and oversight of NHS services, sits with NHS England. NHS England is also responsible for coordinating the regional response where appropriate and is therefore best placed to provide a detailed response to the concerns identified in your report.

In considering your report, officials within the Department of Health and Social Care have made enquiries with NHS England and I am advised that NHS England will provide you with a full and comprehensive response on the concerns you have raised.

I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,



