



**Department
of Health &
Social Care**

Minister of State for Health (Secondary Care)

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HM Coroner Rachael Clare Griffin
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05 June 2026

Dear Rachael Griffin,

Thank you for the Regulation 28 report of 21 May 2026 about the death of George Edward James Haldenby. I am replying as the Minister with responsibility for system commissioning and provider oversight, including health and justice.

Firstly, I would like to say how saddened I was to read of the circumstances of Mr Haldenby'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 lack of process in place in prisons without 24-hour healthcare provision, to ensure that hospital prescribed medication is available when prescribed out of hours, and over weekends and bank holiday periods.

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.

Kind regards,

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH