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RE: RCEM's response to the Regulation 28 report to prevent future deaths

Dear Ms Davies,

Further to your Regulation 28 Report following the conclusion of your inquest into the death of Karen Jayne Graham, the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM) would like to extend its sincere condolences to Ms Graham's family and friends. RCEM notes your concern regarding a lack of awareness amongst Emergency Department clinicians of the Medical Emergencies in Eating Disorders (MEED) guidance. RCEM welcomes the recommendations in this report. We recognise that people suffering with severe eating disorders are both at high risk of harm and are complex patients to help.

For many years RCEM ran an annual day-long training event on eating disorders in the Emergency Department. We were also involved in the revision of MARSIPAN to MEED and have produced a Safety Flash on Anorexia Nervosa. RCEM Learning, our online education platform, has published educational content on eating disorders, including material following publication of the updated MEED guidance.

We were saddened to hear that Emergency Medicine staff were not aware of the existence of the MEED guidance. RCEM has therefore produced a further Safety Flash which provides a concise summary of key red flags, common pitfalls, and key actions for Emergency Department clinicians, while specifically highlighting the role of the MEED guidance in the assessment and management of patients with eating disorders. The Safety Flash is available here: [Eating Disorders Red Flags Safety Flash](#).

RCEM is also due to update its Mental Capacity guidance next year and will consider covering the mental capacity issues associated with patients suffering from severe eating disorders during that review.

This is clearly a topic which requires continued focus, and RCEM remains committed to supporting Emergency Department clinicians through education and patient safety initiatives.

With kind regards,



RCEM Quality in Emergency Care Committee Co-Chair