RESPONSE TO A REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS
REGULATION 29 OF THE CORONERS (INVESTIGATIONS) REGULATIONS 2013

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THIS RESPONSE IS BEING SENT TO:

The Assistant Coroner, Hannah Berry, for the Coroner Area of South Yorkshire West in response to a '**REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATH REGULATION 28'** following an inquest into the death of **Ted Oliver STEWART** that concluded on **30 June 2026**.

1.	**RESPONDENT** In line with our duty under Regulation 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013, **the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence** provides this response within 56 days (plus any extension granted) of the date of the Report to Prevent Future Deaths.
2.	**DATE OF RESPONSE 25 August 2026**
3.	**CONFIRMATION OF CORONER'S MATTERS OF CONCERN** The **MATTERS OF CONCERN** were identified in the report are as follows: 1) There is no national guidance regarding the assessment and management of women presenting during pregnancy with an oblique lie or other non-cephalic lie. In Ted's care the junior doctor searched for guidelines to assist in the management plan of Ted. Had such guidance existed, it may have alerted the doctor to the clinical significance of the finding and informed appropriate management.
3.	**DETAILS OF ACTION TAKEN,** how has the concern been addressed. [If no action is proposed please explain why here]. *Please note that any links to webpages included in the response will not be checked for sensitive information prior to publication, as the information is already online.* **Matter 1** The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has reflected on the circumstances surrounding the sad death of Ted Oliver Stewart and the matters of concern that have been raised in your report. We note that your

	report has also been sent to the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG). NICE has no specific guidance on the assessment or management of oblique lie in pregnancy, and we would refer to the relevant national guidance from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (Green-top Guideline No. 50). This states that 'with transverse, oblique or unstable lie, elective admission to hospital after 37+0 weeks of gestation should be discussed and women in the community should be advised to present urgently if there are signs of labour or suspicion of membrane rupture' . NICE would expect that hospital trusts or individual clinicians would follow guidance from professional bodies such as Royal Colleges and local care pathways developed by commissioners such as integrated care boards and NHS England. NICE guideline NG201 'Antenatal Care' covers the routine antenatal care that women and their babies should receive and includes a section on the management of breech presentation in the antenatal period but does not include transverse or oblique presentations.
4.	**DETAILS OF FURTHER ACTION PROPOSED** *Please note that any links to webpages included in the response will not be checked for sensitive information prior to publication, as the information is already online.* We will liaise with colleagues in the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to determine if any addition to our guidance (such as a reference to their guideline No 50) would be helpful.
	SIGNATURE   Chief Executive