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Via Email

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Dear Susan

Re: East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

As you are aware from 1st April 2015 the Care Quality Commission has lead responsibility for investigating and where appropriate prosecuting breaches of fundamental care standards contained within the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014. This includes under Regulation 22 of those Regulations the power to prosecute a Registered Person for a failure to provide safe care or treatment resulting in avoidable harm or a significant risk of exposure to avoidable harm.

We have reviewed the circumstances of the death relating to Harry Richford, on 2 November 2017 at Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital.

Following this review, the CQC has decided to begin a formal criminal investigation into the circumstances of this incident. We may request further information in relation to this incident.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Catherine Campbell'.

Catherine Campbell

Head of Hospital Inspection

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Professor Ted Baker, Chief Inspector of Hospitals
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