

Summary: Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future death for Louis Rogers (died 18.6.21)

This is a brief summary of the regulation 28 coroners report into the death of Louis Rogers from which you can review the coroner recommendations to health care and consider whether there are changes you could implement in your local NHS trust to address them

Clinical summary

13-month-old boy

- Developmental regression concerns at nursery
- History of 3+ episodes of self-limiting seizures with fever. 2 occurring within 24hrs previously.

Events surrounding death

- Put to bed unwell, found unresponsive shortly after
- SUDEP with post-mortem genetic diagnosis of Dravet's syndrome.

Coroner's Recommendations

- Refer febrile seizures earlier to exclude serious illness
- More education, research and public info re. sudden death related to febrile seizures
- Parent info to include early indicators pointing to alternative diagnoses e.g. developmental regression, complex seizures
- Creation of a febrile seizure pathway checklist across GP & hospitals to ensure correct diagnosis and assist further management.

Key Themes

- The challenge of identifying rare, life-threatening disease from common, lower morbidity presentations
- Need to improve/increase parent safety-netting information.
- Need to improve information sharing between clinicians across primary and secondary care.
- National guidance needed for all healthcare groups

Local Improvement Activity Suggestions:

- Provide local education on febrile seizures and red flags in presentation
- Assess the robustness of your referral pathway for complex febrile seizures
- Update/improve the patient/parent information on febrile seizures.
- Review of how information is shared with GP following presentation to hospital with febrile seizures

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