

Summary of Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future death: Connor Wellsted (died 17/05/2017)

This is a brief summary of the regulation 28 coroners report into the death of *Connor Wellsted* 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

5-year-old boy. Well prior to death
Significant neuro-disabilities following unexplained cardiorespiratory arrest & resultant hypoxic brain injury at 5 weeks old.

Events surrounding death

- Inpatient for intensive neurorehabilitation
 - Put to sleep in padded cot
 - Cot and padding was poorly maintained and inaccurately secured.
 - No regular or direct visual supervision during the night.
 - Found deceased the next day due to airway obstruction from external compression as entrapped in loose cot bumper.
- Trust did not report, investigate and deal with the events surrounding Connor's death openly and appropriately.

Coroner's Recommendations

- Improve clinical governance processes and systems to reassure the public and supervisory statutory bodies that they will be informed of any future adverse events
- Investigate with openness & transparency.

Key Themes

- Ensure equipment and furniture is safe, well maintained and used appropriately.
- Ensure there is regular direct visual supervision of children.
- Improve clinical governance to ensure Trusts report, investigate and deal with adverse events appropriately.

Local Improvement suggestions from this report

- Audit any equipment used for your patients & develop QI program to ensure regular servicing & maintenance
- Work with staff and families to disseminate safer sleeping guidance
- Review your Trusts guidance on regular visual supervision & act on any concerns if inadequate.
- Review effectiveness of local system of reporting, recording and acting on any adverse events

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