

Summary: Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future death for *Isabela Suci* (died 04.12.20)

This is a brief summary of the regulation 28 coroner's report into the death of *Isabela Suci* 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

2 day old female, term, weight 4.3kg.

Events surrounding death

- Maternal sepsis
- Isabela's initial temperature was 38°C, then falling to 36.2°C → No escalation for review
- Discharged next day normothermic
- Cardiac arrest at home same day and could not be resuscitated

Cause of death: Sudden unexpected neonatal death

Coroner's Recommendations

- Conflict between the Kaiser Permanente (KP) Score and NICE guidance is thought to have contributed to the omission of antibiotics for Isabela. This is not thought to have caused her death, however it has highlighted a potential risk
 - Expert opinion suggests it is better to follow NICE guidance

Key Themes

- Multiple guidelines for the same problem can create confusion for staff members.
- Guidelines need to be accompanied by astute clinical judgment and reviewing the patient as a whole.

Local Improvement suggestions from this report:

- Review on how neonatal teams are using the 'Newborn Early Warning Trigger and Track score' & escalating concerns with educational and simulation program to improve.
- An improvement project looking into the use of NICE guidelines, rather than KP score, for determining antibiotic treatment for neonates in your department.

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