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## **RQIA Statement on The Expert Review of Records of Deceased Patients of Dr Watt (2008-2018)**

“The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) Expert Review Panel provided the RQIA with its reports on its review of the medical records of 44 deceased patients of Dr Watt in late June. RQIA’s Family Liaison Team is currently making arrangements to share the individual case summaries with those families who wish to receive them, to offer them an opportunity to discuss these findings and where appropriate to provide a further explanation or follow up.

RQIA is mindful that this is a particularly difficult time for the families involved, and as such, we will not be making any comment on individual cases.

RQIA wishes to thank the families who came forward to voice concerns, for their participation in the Review; they have played a key role in illuminating the reality of the experience of patients and families. We also thank the Royal College of Physicians, and the members of the Expert Review Panel, for their sensitive and thorough review of these records.

The RCP’s overview reports have been shared with the Department of Health, as the commissioner of the Review.

If anyone is affected by these issues, RQIA's Family Liaison Team can be contacted at email: [expert.review@rqia.org.uk](mailto:expert.review@rqia.org.uk), or freephone: 0800 052 0012 between 10am and 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).”

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