

Report for His Majesty's Coroner

Patient's Name: Sophie Alderman

Date of Birth: 26/06/1995

Date of Death: 19/08/2022

Second Witness Statement of: Derrick Trimble

Date: 26/02/2024

I, Derrick Trimble, have been asked to prepare a report for the Coroner regarding the Oxevision system. This statement should be read in conjunction with my first statement dated 27 September 2023.

Role

I am employed by Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) as a Project Manager in the ITT directorate, Digital PMO Delivery Team. I have been involved with Oxevision implementation at EPUT since January 2020 and the project manager role for Oxevision projects since October 2021.

My role includes project management of Oxevision implementations, Oxevision Observation proof of concept development and deployment.

Questions about Oxevision

I have set out below the questions I have been asked to respond to by the coroner, and my response to each one.

Please provide primary data to indicate whether the Oxevision monitor/tablets were being used by ward staff in the relevant period on 19 August 2022; it is anticipated this may be evidenced via the Oxevision dashboard display which would show the digital observations and warnings/alerts on the room tiles for the relevant period.

All of the data which EPUT previously had access to about the use of Oxevision as it relates to this incident was provided with my first statement, namely the serious incident report and data set.

I understand that EPUT recently requested further data from Oxehealth which shows the alerts and activity on Willow Ward between 16.30 and 18:00 on 19 August 2022. These data sets are exhibited to this statement as Exhibit DT1 and DT2. I am not able to comment further on the contents of these data sets, and any requests for clarification about the data would need to be directed to Oxehealth.

Question: Please provide any written records concerning the activation and resetting of the Oxevision alert system for Sophie's room on 19 August 2022.

The information I hold about the activation and resetting of the alert referred to is contained in the data provided with my first statement. I am not able to comment on whether any written records may have been created elsewhere such as in Sophie's medical records.

Question: Please provide any specific EPUT policies/guidance on how and when staff should conduct physical checks of patients when an Oxevision alert is sounded.

The relevant policy is the Standard Operating Procedure for the use of the Oxehealth Oxevision (non-contact technology) in EPUT Inpatient bedrooms, seclusion rooms and HBPOs facilities. Version 7 of that SOP was in place at the time of Sophie's death. Version 8 was put in place in October 2022. Version 9 has recently been implemented on 14/11/23 along with the SOP for Oxehealth Observations, which was introduced on 14/11/23.

Question: Confirmation as to whether clear video data from the Oxehealth system concerning the red alert signalled from Sophie's room was retained and if not why not.

Clear video data (then Salient Video Data) was not requested. We keep a record of all requests, even those that miss the recycle window. There were no requests for this event. I am not able to comment on why a request for the clear video data was

not made. As set out in section 7.2 of the Oxehealth SOP which was in place at the time of Sophie's death (v7) requests to capture salient video data must be made directly to Oxehealth within 24-hours of the situation or incident. Salient data is automatically deleted from the Oxehealth server after 24 hours. The requestor must provide their name, requested date and time, and reason for the salient video request.

I believe that the facts stated in this statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed:

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