

'Dear Mr XX,

Thank you for asking me about the sad circumstances of your mother's death. I have read the reports and letters referred to. It is well recognised that bolus naloxone should not be administered to patients who have been given opiates to treat pain because it reverses the opiates, exposing them to all of their underlying pain. This is well described in the documents that you already have.

Yours sincerely,

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