

**NHS England and NHS Improvement**  
**Media statement**  
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Today NHS England publishes the findings of an independent investigation into the care and treatment of Mr T.

The investigation was prompted by the death of a nine-year-old boy in 2014 and was commissioned by NHS England once all related legal proceedings had been concluded. The purpose of the investigation has been to help the NHS understand if lessons can be learned that could prevent something similar happening in the future.

The investigation team's view is that it would not have been possible to predict the incident. However, they did conclude that it might have been possible to avoid the incident happening if Mr T had been discharged from in-patient care in a planned and structured way with an enhanced package of care.

The investigation team has made 13 recommendations to the trust involved in Mr T's care and two recommendations to local clinical commissioning groups. To read them, visit our [website](#) to view the full independent investigation report.

Nigel Sturrock, Medical Director for NHS England and NHS Improvement in the Midlands, said: "Today our thoughts and sympathies are with all those who have been affected by this tragic incident.

"Thankfully, events such as this are rare. When they do occur, we work closely with all organisations involved to ensure they are able implement the patient and public safety recommendations made by the independent investigation team."