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**From:** Livingston, Heather  
**Sent:** 16 September 2008 16:58  
**To:** Mooney, Jennifer; Donnelly, Martin  
**Cc:** Browne, Andrew; Livingstone, Jim  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Report RQIA review of hyponatraemia-related NPSA alert

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Jennifer  
Just that the point I raised about Recommendations 4,6,8,10 may need discussed with RQIA . as 100% training and assessment is difficult with constantly changing workforce - should we be asking for significant coverage progress e.g. 90% . When do RQIA think that these recommendations are achievable, and if not by March 2009, what would be a good interim target.

Heather

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**From:** Mooney, Jennifer  
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**To:** Livingston, Heather; Donnelly, Martin  
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Thanks for these comments Heather. I will ensure that they are reflected in the letter issuing the final report to the service.

However, I should have made clear in my email below that the report is still currently in draft form and we need to go back to RQIA with any factual inaccuracies or points for clarification. I have drafted the attached letter. Do you have anything else you would wish to add to this?

Sorry for any confusion

Thanks again  
Jennifer

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**From:** Livingston, Heather  
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**To:** Mooney, Jennifer; Donnelly, Martin  
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Jennifer  
Dr Donnelly and I have discussed this, as it will be passing to him.

I suggest the covering letter should include  
1st sentence from Summary of Findings (page 6 ) noting the good work to date.

Trusts should note new recommendations from RQIA, which build on the NPSA recommendations. NPSA recommendations remain valid.

Require Trusts to implement those recommendations in preparation for RQIA reassessment from April 2009

I think recommendations 1,2,3,5,7,9,11,12,13,14,15 could be fully implemented by end March 2009,

Recommendations 4,6,8,10 may need discussed with Trusts and RQIA as 100% training and assessment is difficult with constantly changing workforce - should we be asking for significant progress e.g. to 75% or 90% by end March?

Recommendation 16 is really not for Trusts. The letter should include information on what GAIN has agreed to do

Recommendation 15 - if GAIN will have developed a regional audit tool soon, then we could indicate that Trusts should consider using it.

I note on page 6 the review consider opportunities should be created to share good practice. Is RQIA, SQS or GAIN going to undertake this?

Heather

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**From:** Mooney, Jennifer  
**Sent:** 15 September 2008 11:17  
**To:** Livingston, Heather  
**Subject:** FW: Draft Report RQIA review of hyponatraemia-related NPSA alert

Dr Livingston

I tried to call you earlier to talk about this but I know you're busy. We have received the attached report from RQIA and I am now in the process of drafting a response along the lines of Carolyn's email below. I know that you were copied into this email. I'm not sure whether this issue stills falls within your remit, but have you had a chance, or do you wish to, comment on RQIA's review?

I finish on Wednesday for two weeks and would like to have the draft ready before I go. I appreciate that this wouldn't leave you a lot of time. Maybe you could give me a call to discuss when you have a second.

Many thanks  
Jennifer

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**From:** Harper, Carolyn  
**Sent:** 20 August 2008 10:27  
**To:** Galloway, David; Livingston, Heather; Browne, Andrew; McLernon, Angela; Timoney, Mark  
**Cc:** McBride, Michael; McCarthy, Miriam; Bradley, Martin; Morrow, Norman; Livingstone, Jim

**Subject:** Draft Report RQIA review of hyponatraemia-related NPSA alert

At our meeting yesterday we agreed the following approach to this report.

1. SQS will

- a) coordinate a response to RQIA re any factual inaccuracies in the report;
- b) discuss and agree handling with RQIA, specifically who should release the report - our view was that it should be DHSSPS as we commissioned the report;
- c) discuss with RQIA our proposal to commission them to repeat the review in April 2009 to assess the extent to which Trusts have addressed the report recommendations;
- d) discuss & finalise with GAIN
  - i) that under their auspices, a group will develop new guidelines for prevention & management of hyponatraemia in the 16+ age group, to be completed by late Nov/early Dec 2008;
  - ii) that the GAIN audit on adherence to hyponatraemia guidelines should take account of the NPSA audit tool that accompanied the NPSA alert, and should be done with a view to creating a regional audit tool that Trusts could use to audit their own practice into the future and at least annually as recommended in the RQIA report
  - iii) their view on 2d below and whether or not it's appropriate action in light of concerns raised by some staff re potential confusion.

2. When the final report is available (likely late Sep 2008), DHSSPS will issue it, probably through CMO, CNO, CPO in keeping with the original letter on the alert, though happy to take views on that. The covering letter will be drafted by SQS and will include

- a) a requirement on Trusts to implement the recommendations - many are ongoing actions, but where we can we should specify a timescale for implementation;
- b) notice that RQIA will reassess the extent to which the recommendations have been implemented from April 2009;
- c) notice that GAIN are developing new guidelines for 16+ year olds & when these will be available;
- d) direction that until the new 16+ guidelines are available, Trusts should use the 2007 guidelines for 1month-16 years and the 2003 guidelines for 16+ years;
- e) notice of the GAIN audit and that following the audit, a regional audit tool will be available for Trusts to use in the future;
- f) notice of the project to redesign the SAI system and the timescale for that project - need to aim to have definitive proposals around early Dec 2008.

3. SQS will bring the final report to the Safety Forum for discussion re any role they may have in facilitating Trusts to implement the recommendations. It is for the Safety Forum to decide their role, taking account of other demands for their services in the existing 08/09 work programme and their capacity at the time.

4. Mark Timoney will liaise with the relevant Trust pharmacy heads/groups to specifically ask them to follow up on recommendations 6 & 8 re multidisciplinary education/training on safe administration of IV infusions and a competency assessment tool.

Thank you for your input yesterday and happy to take further comments if you have any

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