

GMC to investigate doctor involved in high-profile patient death

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GMC investigates concerns raised about doctor involved in care of Oliver McGowan
Teenager's death was subject to mismanaged investigation process by local CCGs

A doctor involved in the care of a teenager whose death was subject to a mismanaged review process is set to face an investigation by the General Medical Council.

Oliver McGowan died in 2016, under the care of North Bristol Trust, after being given anti-psychotic medication against his own and his parents' wishes, and despite medical records showing he had an intolerance to anti-psychotics.

He developed severe brain swelling because of the drugs and died.

A review into his death by Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire clinical commissioning groups was "mismanaged", [according to a subsequent investigation by NHS England](#). This review said his death was "potentially avoidable".

In a letter to the family, seen by *HSJ*, the GMC said it intends to investigate concerns raised about the care provided by Monica Mohan, a consultant at North Bristol Trust.

Dr Mohan's registration has not changed and she still has a licence to practice, the GMC has said.

During an inquest into Oliver's death, Dr Mohan admitted responsibility for prescribing the anti-psychotics. However, coroners concluded the medication was appropriately prescribed and did not record the death as avoidable.

Avon and Somerset Police confirmed last summer they are investigating the circumstances behind the death.

Dr Mohan and North Bristol Trust were approached for comment.

The GMC told *HSJ* it is unable to confirm or comment on individuals, in line with its usual disclosure policies.

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