

APPENDIX

Supplementary table 1: Jurisdictions of coroners who issued Prevention of Future Deaths reports involving SARS-COV-2 in England and Wales between 01 January 2020 and 28 June 2021. Created by the authors.

Region	No. of cases (%)
North West England	9 (39.1)
Greater Manchester	6 (26.1)
Manchester South	2 (8.7)
County of Cumbria	1 (4.3)
South East	5 (21.6)
Brighton and Hove	3 (13.0)
Mid Kent and Medway	1 (4.3)
North East Kent	1 (4.3)
London	4 (17.3)
Inner North London	3 (13.0)
East London	1 (4.3)
East of England	3 (13.0)
Norfolk	2 (8.7)
Suffolk	1 (4.3)
Yorkshire and the Humber	1 (4.3)
North Yorkshire	1 (4.3)
West Midlands	1 (4.3)
Black County	1 (4.3)
North East	0
East Midlands	0
South West	0
Wales	0

Supplementary table 2: Concerns raised by coroners in Prevention of Future Deaths reports involving COVID-19 in England and Wales between 01 January 2020 and 28 June 2021. Created by the authors.

Concerns	No. of cases (%)
Communication (30%)	
Poor communication	8 (42)
Failure to keep accurate medical records/care plans	5 (26)
Failure to consider how COVID-19 would affect appointments	3 (16)
Failure to take informed consent	1 (5)
Failure to follow advice	1 (5)
Failure to inform family on patient's progress	1 (5)
Failure to follow protocols (23%)	
Failure to regularly monitor/observe the patient	4 (36)
Failure to follow a protocol	1 (9)
Omission of necessary treatment	1 (9)
Delayed discharge	1 (9)
Failure/delay in an appropriate assessment of the patient	1 (9)
Failure to triage patients appropriately	1 (9)
Failure to arrange supervision	1 (9)
Failure to review medicines	1 (9)
Resources (16%)	
Absence/lack of awareness of appropriate protocols/national guidelines	4 (40)
Understaffing	3 (30)
Shortage/lack of availability of appropriate medical/safety equipment	2 (20)
Protocols not clear and interpreted wrongly	1 (1)
Education and training (19%)	
Poor clinical decision making	3 (30)
Inappropriate dosage for the patient	2 (20)
Inadequate training	1 (10)

Poor awareness of symptoms	1 (10)
Failure to appreciate the risk	1 (10)
Lack of training in drug administration	1 (10)
The incorrect drug administered	1 (10)
Safety (12%)	
Safety of facilities	3 (50)
Poor systems	2 (33)
Inadequate discharge process	1 (17)