Death after Fascia Iliaca Block (FIB)

The Coroner has issued a Regulation 28
FIB removed painful stimulus; pre-administered opiates caused apnoea, this went unrecognised.

NRLS data reveals:
- Poor or no documentation of procedure in ED
- Poor or no post procedure observations in ED

An ED LocSSIP/guideline should include documentation of:
- Site, side, dose and time of block
- Frequency of post procedure observations
  A minimum would be at 5, 10, 15, 30 mins post procedure

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