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Mother Demands Answers After Report Highlights NHS Failures in Son's Death

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The mother of five-year-old Yusuf Nazir, who died after being sent home from the hospital due to a reported lack of beds, has spoken out following the release of a second

independent report into her son's death. The findings highlight widespread failures across multiple levels of care within the National Health Service (NHS), though the investigation stops short of identifying a specific cause of death or assigning direct blame.

Yusuf was taken to Rotherham Hospital's Accident and Emergency (A&E) department in November 2022, suffering from what a doctor described as the worst case of tonsillitis he had ever seen. Despite the severity of his condition, Yusuf was discharged with his mother, Soniya, being told there were no beds available. His condition deteriorated rapidly at home, prompting an emergency transfer to Sheffield Children's Hospital. By then, the report suggests, several critical interventions had already been missed.

In her first television interview, Soniya described the distress of carrying her son into the hospital, "floppy with his eyes rolled back," only to be told to wait because staff were too busy. Bystanders who noticed Yusuf struggling to breathe were reportedly told to let the mother speak to the staff herself. "I knew he was very, very poorly," she told *Sky News*. "But no one else picked it up."

The report revealed that Yusuf had 23 separate healthcare contacts across four NHS organizations, yet there was no coordinated approach to managing his care. Clinical assessments were found to be inconsistent, and the lack of a central record made it difficult to monitor his condition over time. The report also notes that outdated equipment at Sheffield Children's Hospital prevented Yusuf from receiving vital medication, a concern his mother said she raised but was ignored.

Though the findings support the family's concerns, the report does not provide closure. Soniya welcomed the recognition that her son was failed by the system but called for a full coroner's inquest to determine exactly what went wrong. "We want change," she said. "Because if they don't change, there's going to be another child, and another mother sat here telling the same story."

NHS leaders have pledged to review and implement the report's recommendations. However, for Yusuf's family, the battle for answers continues—alongside a growing call for accountability in cases where delays and missed opportunities result in preventable loss.