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11. Issues regarding particular injuries sustained by individual deceased.

In November 2007, relatives of the 52 victims of the July 7 bomb attacks were sent by the coroner at the time, Dr Andrew Reid, graphic and explicit details of how their loved ones died. The documents were sent, unsolicited, and without prior warning, causing a great deal of distress to bereaved family members. Dr. Andrew Reid was accused of "gutwrenching insensitivity" and Graham Foulkes, the father of 22 year old victim David Foulkes, noted that there were ""fundamental" differences between what they saw when they viewed their son's body and what the report said."1

How many other bereaved family members have noted fundamental differences between what they saw and what was written in the post-mortem reports delivered to them? How did this major discrepancy arise? What has been done to address these discrepancies such that the post mortem report accurate reflects the reality upon which it is meant to be based?

Gut-wrenching insensitivity: Without warning, families of the 7/7 victims are sent horrific details of how their loved ones died, This is London, 30th November 2007 - http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-23424687-gutwrenching-insensitivity-without-warning-families-of-the-77-victims-are-sent-horrific-details-of-how-their-lovedones-died.do