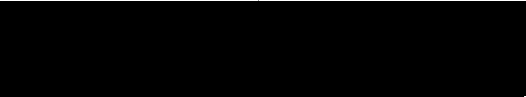


**REPORT FOLLOWING REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS**

1.	<p><b>CORONER</b>          Tony Brown LLM          H M Senior Coroner          North Northumberland</p>
2.	<p><b>CLIENT</b>          Jack Basil Lynn</p>
3.	<p><b>MATTERS OF CONCERN RAISED BY SENIOR CORONER</b></p> <p>Arrangements put in place for daily prompting with medication did not include keeping a medication communication sheet at Mr Lynn's home address as a continuous record of his medications. This would have allowed for a more reliable check by visiting carers or family members as it would have clearly indicated whether medications were being taken regularly.</p> <p>The absence of any check on Mr Lynn's safety or well being during the allocated 15 minute visit on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 exposed Mr Lynn to potential risk, albeit that the sudden cardiac event which occurred could not have been prevented. The risk was present, nonetheless, and creates a risk that future deaths might occur if action is not taken.</p>
4.	<p><b>ACTION TAKEN FOLLOWING INCIDENT</b></p> <p>We will encourage all of our clients to have medication charts in their communication folder and in the case of not wishing to have one we will advise that if a carer is involved in any service concerning medication it is Company policy to have them in the folder.</p> <p>We have advised all staff to make themselves re-aware of our medication policy in their handbook and to actively ask any questions that arise.</p> <p>We have had an Independent Trainer provide a Safe Handling of Medication course in October 2013 to which twenty two staff attended.</p>
5.	<p><b>ACTION TAKEN TO EMPLOYEE INVOLVED IN INCIDENT</b></p> <p>The staff member was given a verbal warning in a disciplinary meeting for not following Company procedure in not physically checking her client and his medication prompt and advised that in the future she should always physically check on a client unless we, Management, have their written word not to and a set procedure is detailed for the individual client to carry out our service to their wishes.</p>
6.	<p><b>DATE 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014.</b></p> <p></p> <p><b>DIRECTOR OF NIGHTINGALES HOME HELP SERVICE</b></p>