

ANNEX A

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

*NOTE: This form is to be used **after** an inquest.*

	REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: 1. Care Quality Commission 2. Department of Health
1	CORONER I am Ian Smith senior coroner, for the coroner area of South and East Cumbria
2	CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013. [HYPERLINKS]
3	INVESTIGATION and INQUEST On 24 December 2012 I commenced an investigation into the death of Kathleen Rosemary Dixon, 64 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 1 November 2013. The conclusion of the inquest was that Kathleen Rosemary Dixon died as a consequence of her own actions whilst suffering from an acute episode of mental illness. The medical cause of death was Drowning.
4	CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH Mrs Dixon was receiving treatment for mental illness which was escalating and its severity was not recognised by those treating her. She drowned in a river.
5	<u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u> During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you. The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. – (1) This is a repetition of similar circumstances in a number of previous Inquests and I think the Trust needs to be assessed independently.
6	ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you [AND/OR your organisation] have the power to take such action.
7	YOUR RESPONSE You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 3 January 2014. I, the coroner, may extend the period.

	<p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p>
8	<p>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons [REDACTED]</p> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>
9	<p>11 November 2013 Ian Smith</p>