



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

This report is made under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.

### Recipients

This report is being set to:

- Name The Chief Constable, Devon & Cornwall Police, Middlemoor, Exeter
- Name BCU Commander, Devon & Cornwall Police, Plymouth
- Name Chief Executive Officer, Plymouth City Council, Civic Centre, Plymouth
- Name: Director of Public Health, Plymouth City Council, Windsor House, Plymouth

### Coroner

I am IAN MICHAEL ARROW. Senior Coroner for the area of Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon.

### 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.

### Investigation and Inquest

On 26 September 2013 I commenced an investigation into the death of Daniel COLLINS, aged 31 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on.

The cause of death was found to be:

- 1a
- 1b
- 1c

The conclusion of the inquest was a Drug Related Death

### Circumstances of death

The deceased occupied a flat at [REDACTED], Devonport, Plymouth. The deceased died within one week of another occupant in the same property.

### Coroner's concerns

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. [REDACTED] appears to be a property in multiple occupation having several flats in the property. The occupants clearly associate and are on speaking terms with one another. It appears there is a history of drug abuse at the property. I am concerned that future inhabitants of that property may suffer a drug related death.

### Action should be taken

In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I ask please that you review the manner in which the property is occupied and consider what powers you have to prevent future deaths at that particular address.

I ask you please to advise me if I should write to any other organisation to alert them to my concerns.

### Your response

You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by [date]. I, the coroner, may extend the period.

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.

### Copies and publication

I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Person, The Salvation Army and the deceased's immediate relatives.

I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.

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.

**I M ARROW**

**Date**

**Senior Coroner – Plymouth Torbay and South Devon area**