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# BLACK COUNTRY CORONER'S DISTRICT (SANDWELL • DUDLEY • WALSALL • WOLVERHAMPTON

**Metropolitan Borough Councils**)

Date:

13 January 2014

Our Ref: RJB/BAP

Your Ref:

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

#### THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:

The Home Secretary The Home Office 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF

#### CORONER

I Robin John Balmain am the Senior Coroner for the Black Country Coroners Jurisdiction

## 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.

#### 3. INVESTIGATION AND INQUEST

On 27<sup>TH</sup> August 2013 I commenced an investigation into the death of **JASON NOCK** of 91 High Haden Road, Cradley Heath, West Midlands. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The conclusion of the inquest was that death was due to an accident.

## 4. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

Mr. Nock acquired a synthetic designer drug known as AH-7921 on the internet and succumbed to its toxic effects.

## 5. CORONERS CONCERNS

#### The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows:-

The matters of concern are that this product appears to be entirely unregulated, consumers do not know what they are taking, it is readily available to anyone with apparently little or no information as to safe dosage and potential consequences.

## 6. ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN

In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you 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 the report, namely by 11th March 2014.

## 8. COPIES and PUBLICATIONS

I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following interested Persons:

- Mother of the deceased - Deceased's partner.

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.

R.J. Balmain Senior Coroner

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