

Regulation 28: Prevention of Future Deaths report

Satheeskumar MAHATHEVAN (died 19.04.13)

	<p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>1. [REDACTED] Director HMP Thameside Griffin Manor Way Thamesmead London SE28 0FJ</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am: Coroner ME Hassell Senior Coroner Inner North London St Pancras Coroner's Court Camley Street London N1C 4PP</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</p> <p>I make this report under the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, paragraph 7, Schedule 5, and The Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013, regulations 28 and 29.</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 23 April 2013, my predecessor, Shirley Anne Radcliffe, commenced an investigation into the death of Satheeskumar Mahathevan, aged 31 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on Friday, 19 September 2014. The jury made a determination that Mr Mahathevan's death was the result of an accident.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Satheeskumar Mahathevan hanged himself in his cell at HM Prison Pentonville on 14 April 2013.</p>

5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of the inquest, the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In the jury's 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.</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are contained in the narrative determination made by the jury as follows.</p> <p>"Failures in relation to information sharing, multi agency communication procedures and inadequate training for staff at the prison services have contributed to this accident."</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>Action should therefore be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe that you have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 28 November 2014. I, the coroner, may extend the period.</p> <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 following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHJ Peter Thornton QC, the Chief Coroner of England & Wales • [REDACTED], brother of Mr Mahathevan • HM Inspectorate of Prisons • National Offender Management Service <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 Senior Coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>

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