




**Derek Winter**  
**Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland**

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</b></p> <p><b>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: -</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">[REDACTED]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Head of Streetscene</b> <b>Sunderland City Council</b> <b>Civic Centre, Burdon Road</b> <b>Sunderland SR2 7DN</b></p>
1	<p><b>CORONER</b></p> <p>I am Derek Winter, Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland</p>
2	<p><b>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</b></p> <p>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. <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7</a> <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</a></p>
3	<p><b>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</b></p> <p>On 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 I commenced an investigation into the death of Dolores Mary Hubbert, aged 81. The cause of death was "Right Pleural Haemorrhage, due to Ruptured Anterior Right Ventricle, due to Road Traffic Collision". The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 11th November 2014. The conclusion of the Inquest was a Road Traffic Collision.</p>
4	<p><b>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</b></p> <p>On Friday 29th August 2014 the vehicle driven by Mr sHubbert collided with another vehicle on the A690 Houghton Le Spring at a crossroads giving entry to the west side of East Rainton. Mrs Hubbert suffered fatal injuries and she was pronounced dead at University Hospital North Durham at 1338 hours on 29th August 2014.</p>
5	<p><b><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The <b>MATTERS OF CONCERN</b> are as follows. –</p> <p>The family of Mrs Hubbert expressed concerns to me about the overall safety of the junction and in particular the speed restrictions before and after the junction as well as</p>

	<p>the policy with regard to the frequency of grass cutting as longer grass may have the potential to obscure the views of drivers.</p> <p>I heard evidence from the Police that they had met with the Local Authority to discuss these points. The police did elaborate upon them confirming: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) that the grass was cut twice a year and was about to be cut;</li> <li>2) there had been one other reported road traffic collision at that junction in the past 7 years.</li> </ol> <p>I should be glad of a formal response from you about the concerns raised.</p>
6	<p><b>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</b></p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p><b>YOUR RESPONSE</b></p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 12th January 2015. 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><b>COPIES and PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family</li> <li>- Northumbria Police</li> </ul> <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>Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014</p> <p>Signature </p> <p>Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland</p>