

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT ON ACTION TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>██████████ Senior Traffic Management Officer, Police Safer Roads Team</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Hassan Shah, Assistant Coroner for the coroner area of Northampton.</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</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.</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>Leanne Carmen Gower who died on the 26th May 2014 at the scene of a road traffic collision on the A508 near Stoke Bruerne in Northamptonshire. The inquest on the 12th November 2014 where I recorded a verdict of death by "Road Traffic Collision".</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Leanne Carmen Gower was a passenger in a car driven by her good friend. There was a loss of control and the car veered into the path of oncoming traffic where it collided with another vehicle. Leanne died at the scene.</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 my opinion there is a risk that future deaths could occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. –</p> <p>It emerged in evidence that the police do not routinely check all provided data in relation to damage only incidents to the Council, MGWSP or any other party responsible for the maintenance of roads.</p> <p>It was the evidence of PC ██████████ that such damage only incidents stopped being recorded in January 2011, although the reason for that decision was unclear.</p> <p>In this particular case, the damage only collisions data was as follows:-</p> <p>2010 – 5 2011 – 7 2012 – 3 2013 – 8 2014 – 13 to date</p> <p>Although there were no reported incidents since the retexturing of the relevant stretch of road, there is evidence of further incidents as one of the bollards has been displaced since.</p> <p>██████████ of the Police's Safer roads team agreed in evidence that damage only collisions that are reported should be taken into consideration when determining whether any works are required to a particular stretch of highway.</p> <p>██████████ Principal Asset Engineer at Northamptonshire County Council also believed that collision only data would be helpful.</p>

6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I would therefore be grateful if you would kindly review the policy in relation to the collation, checking and provision of collision only data to Northamptonshire County Council, MGWSP and any other agents who are responsible for the maintenance of roads.</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 15th January 2015. I, the assistant 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 Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons:-</p> <p>[REDACTED] Principal Asset Engineer, Northamptonshire County Council [REDACTED] of Fentons Solicitors</p> <p>Similarly, you are 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.</p>
9	<p>[DATE] 19TH November 2014</p> <p>[SIGNED BY ASSISTANT CORONER]</p>