

# **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:

• Secretary of State for Health

## <u>Coroner</u>

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 3 June 2013 I commenced an investigation into the death Jude Daniel Kliem, then aged one year. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 8 August 2014.

The cause of death was found to be:

1a Idiopathic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

The conclusion of the inquest was that Jude Daniel Kliem died from Natural Causes.

## Circumstances of death

The deceased was being treated at Derriford Hospital in Plymouth. Attempts were made by different Consultant Doctors to arrange a transfer to Bristol and to Southampton.

### Coroner's concerns

There appears to have been a breakdown in communication. There could be an improvement by way of standardisation of documentation

### Action should be taken

I would ask you please to review the method of referral of seriously sick patients between Hospitals so that lines of communication are clear. You may wish to note that Derriford Hospital has reviewed its processes and made improvements since the death.

I am attaching supplementary documents.

#### Your response

You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 25 October 2014. 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	а	copy	of	my	report	to	the	Chief	<u>C</u> oroner	and	to	the	following
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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 29 August 2014 Senior Coroner – Plymouth Torbay and South Devon area