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Dear Mr Rebello

Thank you for your Regulation 28 report dated 20 July 2015 addressed to Michael Spurr, Chief Executive of the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) concerning the recent inquest into the death of Luke Myers on 4 February 2013. Your letter has been passed to the Equality, Rights and Decency Group in NOMS as we have responsibility for policy on suicide prevention and self harm management and for sharing learning from deaths in custody. I have consulted with the Governor of HMP Liverpool in formulating this response.

Your letter raises two concerns:

Staff at HMP Liverpool miscalculated Luke Myer's extended sentence and may have done so in other cases

I can confirm that staff in the Offender Management Unit at HMP Liverpool have reviewed the sentence calculations for the current population and found no other prisoners to have a miscalculated sentence.

First Aid Training

Individual establishments carry out a risk assessment to determine how many, and which, staff should be trained in 'First Aid at work'. HMP Liverpool has 24 hour healthcare cover, and this is sufficient to meet the identified needs. All nursing staff are qualified nurses and hold an 'Intermediate life support' qualification as part of their training. In addition, first aid training is being provided to all Custodial Managers who carry out orderly officer duties, ensuring that there will be an additional trained member of staff on duty at all times, and Operational Support Grade staff will also be trained.

I hope this provides you with assurance that the matters of concern that you have identified have been fully addressed.

Yours sincerely

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