

ANNEX A

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

*NOTE: This form is to be used **after** an inquest.*

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief Coroner2. Advisory Council for the Misuse of Drugs3. Family (REDACTED)
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Andrew Barkley, Senior Coroner, for the coroner area of Cardiff & The Vale of Glamorgan.</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>On the 16th February 2015 I commenced an investigation into the death of Thaker Jamal Hafid. The investigation concluded at the end of an inquest on the 6th May 2015. The conclusion of the inquest was "<i>Drugs Related</i>".</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>The deceased was found unresponsive by his wife on the floor of his study room on the morning of the 9th February 2015. He was known to abuse drugs and drugs paraphernalia was found in the room with him. He was confirmed deceased at the scene.</p>
5	<p>CORONER'S CONCERNS</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 MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Post Mortem testing on blood taken from the deceased found the presence of Acetylfentanyl (opioid analgesic drug more potent than heroin or morphine and fentanyl) and is not licensed for medicinal use and has only been sold illegally as a "designer drug". This drug is being marketed legally and is available over the internet. The evidence in this case indicated that the deceased had ordered it with a view to weaning himself off heroin. Such is the potency/toxicity of this drug and the apparent free availability of it, it is likely that further deaths may occur due to its use. It is believed that this was the first known death in the UK caused by or contributed to by this drug.

6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe your organisation 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 3rd July, 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>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner, the family and the advisory Council of the Misuse of Drugs.</p> <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>8th May 2015</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SIGNED:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HM Senior Coroner</p>