

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>1. Chief Medical Officer Welsh Assembly Government Cathays Park Cardiff CF10 3NQ</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Jonathan Mark Layton senior coroner, for the coroner area of Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire.</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 12th October 2014 I commenced an investigation into the death of Efan Robert James then aged 7 weeks. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 23rd April 2015. The conclusion of the inquest was an open conclusion.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>(1) Efan Robert James was placed into a bed his mother was sharing with a friend. Some hours later he was found to be unresponsive. He was administered CPR. He was taken to hospital where life was pronounced extinct.</p> <p>(2) A post-mortem examination was undertaken and the cause of death was given as sudden unexplained death in infancy whilst bed-sharing.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed this matter 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 is as follows:</p> <p>That the advice given by Welsh Assembly Government in the publication "Reduce the risk of cot death" is confusing. It suggests that parents should not share a bed with their baby if they "feel very tired". Parents of young children will frequently feel tired and gauging whether they are "very tired" is an unrealistic test.</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</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>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 the 18th June 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 and to the following Interested Persons:</p> <p>[REDACTED]</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>23 April 2015 Signed: J M Layton</p>