

Regulation 28: Prevention of Future Deaths report

Darren NEVILLE (died 05.05.13)

	<p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>1. Metropolitan Police Service</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am: Coroner ME Hassell Senior Coroner Inner North London St Pancras Coroner's Court Camley Street London N1C 4PP</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</p> <p>I make this report under the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, paragraph 7, Schedule 5, and The Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013, regulations 28 and 29.</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 9 May 2013, one of the then assistant coroners, Selena Ruth Lynch, commenced an investigation into the death of Darren Neville. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest today. The jury made a narrative determination, which I attach.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Mr Neville died having taken cocaine, suffering acute behavioural disturbance and following restraint by police. His medical cause of death was:</p> <p>1a cardiac arrest encephalopathy (global cerebral ischaemic hypoxia) 1b fatal dysrhythmia 1c restraint and struggling in association with acute behavioural disturbance, in an individual with evidence of cocaine use (acute and chronic)</p>

5	<p>JURY'S CONCERN</p> <p>During the course of the inquest, the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern by the jury. In the circumstances, it is my statutory duty to report to you. The jury's concern was as follows:</p> <p>"Police did not give sufficient consideration to the risks associated with prolonged restraint to a person suffering from acute behavioural disturbance; more specifically, the risk of death following prolonged restraint. It is unclear the extent to which this single factor caused Darren's death."</p>
6	<p>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</p> <p>Given the jury's concern, I report to you to enable action to be taken.</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 10 August 2015. I 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 following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHJ Peter Thornton QC, the Chief Coroner of England & Wales • ██████████, Darren Neville's mother <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 Senior Coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>
9	<p>DATE SIGNED BY SENIOR CORONER</p> <p>10 June 2015</p>