

## REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

	<p><b>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</b></p> <p><b>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: The Chief Executive, Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council: Secretary of State for Transport</b></p>
1	<p><b>CORONER</b></p> <p>I am John Pollard, senior coroner, for the coroner area of South Manchester</p>
2	<p><b>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</b></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><b>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</b></p> <p>On 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 I commenced an investigation into the death of Karen Clayton dob 10<sup>th</sup> January 1965. The investigation concluded on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and the conclusion was one of <b>Accidental death</b>. The medical cause of death was 1a Traumatic subdural haematoma .</p>
4	<p><b>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</b></p> <p>On the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 at Moss Lane, Altrincham, Mrs Clayton was riding her bicycle in a designated cycle lane. As she traversed the brow of the railway overbridge, she was confronted by a group of youths walking in the cycle lane. The youths made efforts to step off the cycle lane but were prevented from doing so by the narrowness of the lane; a collision then took place between the cyclist and one of the pedestrians. The cyclist fell to the ground and sustained what proved to be fatal head injuries.</p>
5	<p><b><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></b></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 <b>MATTERS OF CONCERN</b> are as follows. –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At this location there is mixed traffic, being pedestrian, bicycle and motor. There is insufficient room for all these different forms of traffic to be effectively segregated.(Trafford)</li> <li>2. Although this is a “one way” route for most traffic, the cycle lane allows for bicycles to travel in a contra flow. This is inherently confusing and dangerous for the cyclists and other road users.(Trafford)</li> <li>3. The signage in the immediate area is unclear and possibly confusing(Trafford)</li> <li>4. Because of the location of the Supermarket and the lay out of the road, there is an obvious crossing-place via the cycle path. Not to use this route</li> </ol>

	<p>by pedestrians intending to walk to the railway station would involve them in crossing the road twice.(Trafford)</p> <p>5. The guidance in the "Highway Code" and elsewhere relating to the fact that pedestrians should not walk in a cycle path, is weak and needs to be re-written and reinforced. (Secretary of State for Transport)</p>
6	<p><b>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</b></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><b>YOUR RESPONSE</b></p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 11<sup>th</sup> November 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><b>COPIES and PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons namely [REDACTED] (Husband of the deceased). I have also sent it to Greater Manchester Police (Road Policing department) who may find it useful or of interest.</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>15.9.15 <span style="float: right;">John Pollard, HM Senior Coroner</span></p> 