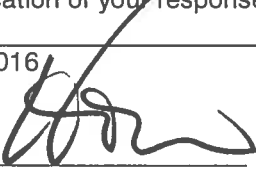




**IAN MICHAEL ARROW**  
**Senior Coroner for Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon**

	<p><b>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</b></p> <p><b>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Chief Constable Sara Thornton</b> Chair National Police Chiefs' Council 1st Floor 10 Victoria Street London SW1H 0NN</p>
1	<p><b>CORONER</b></p> <p>I am IAN MICHAEL ARROW, Senior Coroner for Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon 1 Derriford Park, Derriford Business Park, Plymouth PL6 5QZ</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. <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7</a> <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</a></p>
3	<p><b>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</b></p> <p>On 24/10/2014 I commenced an investigation into the death of Darren Wakefield, 35 . The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 21 January 2016. The conclusion of the inquest was NARRATIVE as answered to questions above See answers to the Coroner's questions attached Drowning</p>
4	<p><b>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</b></p> <p>Darren Wakefield died on 12 October 2014. The medical cause of death was 1(a) Drowning. The Jury answered questions raised by me, the coroner. You are welcome to receive a copy of their answers should you so wish.</p> <p>In short, Mr Wakefield was evading Police Officers. He became trapped between a hulk and a harbour wall and was drowned by a rising tide. I understand [REDACTED] the Lead Investigator from the Independent Police Complaints Commission has provided you with a copy of his report.</p> <p>I note in particular that [REDACTED] made a recommendation. I am writing to you formally to ask if you are please able to let me have a copy of the letter that you have sent to each Police Force which you have referred to in your letter of 24 August.</p>
5	<p><b>CORONER'S CONCERNS</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> <p><b>BRIEF SUMMARY OF MATTERS OF CONCERN</b></p> <p>1 The issue should be highlighted nationally. Please confirm the IPCC recommendations have been followed. Please provide a copy of the standard letter to Police forces referred to in your letter of 24 August 2014 to the IPCC</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 Chief Constable Sara Thornton 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 18 March 2016. 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 Home Secretary, Secretary of State for transport, Chief Constable Devon and Cornwall Police, Mr Oliver Colville MP for Plymouth (Sutton), [REDACTED] (mother) and the Independent police Complaints Commission</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>Dated 22 January 2016</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Signature _____ Senior Coroner for Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon</p>