



REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

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	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>1. Ms A Rudd, Secretary of State for the Home Office, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Andrew Cox an Assistant Coroner for the coroner area of Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly.</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 8 June 2015 I opened an Inquest into the death of Anna Phillips aged 20 which concluded after a two day hearing on 25 January 2017. The medical cause of death was given as; 1a) Overdose of 2,4 Dinitrophenol and I recorded a conclusion of Suicide.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Anna suffered from mental illness. In November 2014 she suspended her medical studies following a psychotic episode and was taken onto the case load of the Early Intervention Team in Cornwall.</p> <p>In March 2015 she took an overdose and was admitted into Southampton. Following a period of assessment she was again discharged to Cornwall under the care first of the Home Treatment Team and secondly the Community Mental Health Team.</p> <p>On 7 April 2015 Anna was detained under Section 136 of the MHA after a member of the public restrained her from jumping off a cliff at Falmouth Docks.</p> <p>On 1 June 2015 Anna took an overdose. She was admitted into Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro. Sadly, her condition deteriorated and she died later that day.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></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> <p>Anna took an overdose of a drug called 2,4 Dinitrophenol. This is a compound that I heard is used as an unlicensed weight loss drug. It has been associated with several fatalities in the past and I attach in that regard a report from [REDACTED] with a reference to a relevant article.</p> <p>Police Investigations revealed that Anna had obtained this drug over the internet from Turkey. It was brought into the country by Royal Mail.</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> <p>I am sure you will be concerned that unlicensed and unprescribed drugs can be brought into this Country simply by using the normal Postal Service. This may be something where there are steps that can be taken by you to prevent 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 5 April 2017. 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: [REDACTED] at Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust; [REDACTED] at Royal Cornwall Hospital Legal Department; [REDACTED] at Bevan Brittan Solicitors (Southern Healthcare).</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>				
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