REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:

- 1. The Senior Partner, Peel Medical Practice, Tamworth, Staffordshire
- 2. South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Stafford, Staffordshire

1 CORONER

I am Mrs Margaret Joy Jones Assistant Coroner for the Coroner area of Staffordshire South.

2 CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS

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.

3 | INVESTIGATION and INQUEST

On 27 March 2017 I commenced an investigation into the death of Dean Mark Rowland, 27 years of age. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 27 June 2017. The conclusion of the inquest was suicide.

4 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

5 | CORONER'S CONCERNS

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.

The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows -

- (1) The deceased wished to discuss an increase in his antidepressant medication with a doctor. He was unable to get an appointment or speak to a GP on the telephone for nine days.
- (2) He was referred to a community mental health team having made two serious

previous suicide attempts. He was discharged after only one consultation with no follow up plan other than for him to refer back to primary care. The family perceived he would have benefitted from a further appointment. He was very willing to engage with services.

6 ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN

In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you and your organisation have the power to take such action.

7 YOUR RESPONSE

You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 23 August 2017. I, the Assistant Coroner, may extend the period.

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.

8 | COPIES and PUBLICATION

I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner. I have also sent it to members of the family who may find it useful or of interest.

I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.

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.

Date: 27 June 2017

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Signed:

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