CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

See Narrative in section 3.

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 could 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) Mrs Macrae was admitted to the Woodlands Hospital Kettering on 11th June 2016 for routine left lumbar L4/L5 decompression and discectomy under the care of a specialist neurosurgeon. Whilst in recovery her blood pressure dropped on occasion. She was cared for by attending anaesthetists but her attending spinal surgeon was not asked to attend. Those caring for Mrs Macrae did not consider internal haemorrhage as a cause of her instability.
- All persons having care for a patient having undergone a similar elective spinal surgery should be aware that internal haemorrhage is a rare but recognised complication of this surgery.

6 ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN

In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you AND/OR 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 11th August 2017. I, the 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 and to the following Interested Persons:-.

- 1. MDU Solicitors
- 2. Bircham Dyson Bell Solicitors
- 3. Capsticks
- 4. BLM Solicitors
- 5. Kennedy's Solicitors
- 3. **Mari**

Similarly, you are 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.

9 [DATE] 16th June 2017 [SIGNED BY CORONER]

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