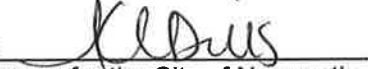




Karen Dilks
Senior Coroner for the City of Newcastle Upon Tyne

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Katherine Fairclough, Chief Executive Cumbria County Council, Cumbria House 117 Botchergate Carlisle CA1 1RD</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Karen Dilks, Senior Coroner for the City of Newcastle Upon Tyne</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. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On the 21 March 2017 I commenced an Investigation into the death of Graeme Stafford Flatman.</p> <p>The Investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on the 24 October 2017.</p> <p>The conclusion of the Inquest was Accidental Death.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>On the 11 March 2017, Mr Flatman, who was an experienced pedal cyclist was riding his pedal cycle on the A593 Oxen Fell, Skelwith, Ambleside. Whilst travelling down a steep incline, he collided with a Nissan Qashqai motor vehicle travelling in the opposite direction.</p> <p>The road layout prevented Mr Flatman and the motor vehicle driver from identifying each others presence on the road.</p> <p>Mr Flatman suffered fatal injuries in the said collision.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>The A593 is a scenic cross country road with a speed limit of 60 miles per hour. No signage is present within the area in which the collision occurred, warning road users of the severity of the road gradient or the limitations upon visibility. Coroners concerns are:</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The absence of appropriate signage to warn road users approaching severe incline/decline on the road ahead2. The absence of appropriate signage warning of visibility limitations on the road ahead3. The appropriateness of a 60 mile per hour speed limit on a single carriageway road, with one lane in each direction containing numerous straight sections, bends and gradient changes

6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you Katherine Fairclough, Chief Executive, Cumbria County Council have the power to take 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 January 2018. 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</p> <p>Family. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the Collision Investigator, 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>Dated 10 November 2017</p> <p>Signature  Senior Coroner for the City of Newcastle Upon Tyne</p>