Regulation 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

NOTE: This from is to be used after an inquest.

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT DEATHS

THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:

The Manager, King's Lynn and Eastgate Residential Care Homes, Austin Fields, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 1PH.

1 CORONER

I am Johanna THOMPSON, Assistant Coroner for the area of Norfolk

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 21/06/2017 14:11 I commenced an investigation into the death of John NICHOLS aged 85. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 27/10/2017 15:00. The conclusion of the inquest was:

1a Intracranial haemorrhage

1b Fall

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4 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

Mr Nichols died on 18th June 2017 at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn as a result of sustaining a head injury on 13th June 2017 shortly after a fire drill at his care home, when a fire door closed between him and his carer whilst he was being assisted back to his room.

5 CORONER'S CONCERNS

The MATTERS OF CONCERN is as follows:

That the Fire Drills Policy currently in place does not include sufficient safeguards to ensure that residents (and in particular those with dementia) are sufficiently monitored before, during, and after fire drills.

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 December 28, 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



I have also sent it to:-

European Healthcare Group Care Quality Commission (Central) Healthwatch Norfolk 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.

Johanna THOMPSON Assistant Coroner for

Norfolk

Dated: 02/11/2017