



# HM Prison & Probation Service

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Dear Mr Rebello,

Thank you for your Regulation 28 Report of 23 March 2018 following the recent death of Anthony Paine at HMP Liverpool on 19 February 2018. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of State for Justice and Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS).

I know that you will share a copy of this response with Mr Paine's family and I would like first to express my condolences for their loss. Every death in custody is a tragedy and the safety of those in our care is my absolute priority.

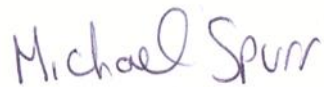
You have expressed concerns that the healthcare provision in HMP Liverpool is inadequate, insufficient and not equal to that provided in the community and also that mental health care provision is grossly deficit. You question why, when the prison could not replicate his community mental health care plan, there was no mental health act assessment carried out in Mr Paine's case with a view to transferring him to a secure mental health facility. I understand that NHS England have responded directly to these concerns.

In response to your concern that HMPPS and the Ministry of Justice were aware of the matters referred to in point two of your Regulation 28 report. HMPPS is

committed to ensuring that healthcare provision in prisons is equal to that delivered in the community. The National Partnership Agreement in place with NHS England, considers the reduction of incidents of self-harm and self-inflicted deaths to be a priority and we continue to work collaboratively to make improvements in this area. From 1 April 2018 responsibility for the healthcare provision at HMP Liverpool passed from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust to a new provider, Spectrum Community Health CiC (Spectrum), in partnership with Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, who are current providers of mental health community services in Liverpool. This will provide a consistent approach to the continuity of care for people within the criminal justice system. Spectrum currently provide healthcare across six prisons in the North of England.

Thank you again for bringing these matters of concern to my attention. We will ensure that learning from this tragic incident is shared widely across the prison estate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Spurr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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