

## REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

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|   | <p><b>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</b></p> <p><b>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</b></p> <p>██████████ AM Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport</p>   |
| 1 | <p><b>CORONER</b></p> <p>I am Jonathan Mark Layton senior coroner, for the coroner area of Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire.</p>  |
| 2 | <p><b>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</b></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.</p>  |
| 3 | <p><b>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</b></p> <p>On 9th January 2018 I commenced an investigation into the death of Herbert John Bernard Francis. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The conclusion of the inquest was road traffic collision. The medical cause of death was la multiple traumatic injuries lb road traffic accident.</p>  |
| 4 | <p><b>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Herbert John Bernard Francis was driving his Skoda motor car along the B4313 towards the A40 road at Redstone Cross.</li> <li>(2) Mr Francis failed to stop at the junction with the A40 and collided with an articulated heavy goods vehicle being driven along the A40.</li> <li>(3) As a result of injuries sustained in the collision Mr Francis died at the scene.</li> <li>(4) At the inquest evidence was received from a collision investigation officer, namely ██████████, who identified road defects that he believed should be rectified in the interests of public safety.</li> </ol>  |
| 5 | <p><b><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The <b>MATTERS OF CONCERN</b> are as follows. –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The approach to the main A40 from Redstone Road could be further enhanced with the introduction of road markings and early warning signs. That consideration should be given to the re-positioning of the national speed limit signs from their current location to closer to the mouth of the junction.</li> <li>(2) That both filter lanes on the A40 at this location should be made longer and wider.</li> <li>(3) That consideration should be given to lowering the speed limit along this stretch of road, or by placing advisory speed limit signs at the location to warn motorists of the upcoming bend and junction.</li> <li>(4) That filter lanes should also be introduced on the A40 for vehicles heading</li> </ol> |

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|   | westbound and intending to turn left onto Redstone Road.  |
| 6 | <p><b>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</b></p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action.</p>   |
| 7 | <p><b>YOUR RESPONSE</b></p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by the 23rd September 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><b>COPIES and PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Person:</p> <p>██████████ 2 Cwm Aur Llanilar Aberystwyth Ceredigion SY23 4NT</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><b>26<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Signed: J M Layton</b></span></p>  |