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Dear Sir

I write in response to the Regulation 28 Report following your investigation into the death of Mr James Ryan McLaren. Unfortunately your letter was not received until 4 December 2018 due to email problems. An additional period of time was granted for the LGA to respond.

Your recommendation to the LGA asked us to raise awareness at national level of the risk of death or serious injury from access to large commercial or communal bins.

In response to your recommendation an item on the risk of death and injury in large bins will be included in relevant LGA bulletins and updates to councils. This includes the weekly email bulletins from the LGA's Chairman and Chief Executive, and email newsletters on environment and regulatory issues. These will be circulated in January and February.

It is helpful to see that the Chartered Institute of Waste Management (CIWM) is engaging with staff in frontline waste roles, and local authority waste officer networks. This communication will compliment that of the LGA with senior officers and elected Members.

We will seek further opportunities to raise awareness with councils. If any further material on this matter is published from the Coroner's Office please let us know so that we can update our communications.

Yours faithfully



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