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Mr Tom Osborne
HM's Senior Coroner for Milton Keynes
Via email: coroners.office@milton-keynes.gov.uk

4 February 2019

Dear Mr Osborne

Regulation 28 report to prevent further deaths

I'm writing in response to your regulation 28 report of 12 December 2018, regarding the death of Mr Neil Swaisland on 14 July 2018. You have requested information in relation to access to counselling services within Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes Council (MKC) has a contract for counselling services in place with MIND. Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (MKCCG) also contributes towards the cost of this provision. This contract was due to end in December 2018 however a continuation of funding from MKC and MKCCG will maintain it until April 2019 whilst MIND develop additional funding opportunities for their services. After April the council will no longer directly commission counselling services, instead focusing our investment into our frontline mental health social care services.

The NHS is continuing to provide counselling services in Milton Keynes. MKCCG have continued their commitment to the provision of psychological therapies in Milton Keynes through the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service provision. The local NHS mental health service provider, Central and North West London Foundation Trust (CNWL), is currently meeting all national access, and waiting time requirements for these services. MIND is working with the IAPT service delivering the triage service.

In addition, working in partnership with MKC and CNWL, MKCCG have invested in a Primary Care Plus service working with general practice to provide access to specialist support for people with mental illness in primary care. This service will be developed to meet the needs of all of the registered population in 2019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Bracey', written over a light grey horizontal line.

Michael Bracey
Chief Executive