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ANNEX A

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

*Sent PRE-INQUEST following two Pre-inquest reviews held on
29th January and 20th March 2019.*


	THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: 1. Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Ms Sam Allen, CEO
1	CORONER I am Veronica HAMILTON-DEELEY, Senior Coroner, for the City of Brighton and Hove
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	<u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u> During the course of the Pre-Inquest reviews it has become apparent that vulnerable patients are continuing to self-harm. The checks which are made and the removal of items which are considered dangerous to patients is clearly incomplete and flawed. The example with regard to Bethany Tenquist concerns the fact that on the 29 th December 2018 when she hanged herself – a short time before she was found, two telephone charging cables were removed from her room and yet her dressing gown cord was left available for her to use to hang herself. Clearly the system in place to carry out these room checks is unsatisfactory and/or staff are not properly trained to do them. Please tell me precisely how you are going to put this right.

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4	ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you AND your organisation have the power to take such action.
5	YOUR RESPONSE You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 10 th June 2019. 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.
6	COPIES and PUBLICATION I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons 1. [REDACTED] 2. [REDACTED] 3. Secretary of State for Health, Department of Health 4. Simon Stevens, Chief Executive, NHS England 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.
7	Date: 21 st March 2019 SIGNED BY:  Senior Coroner Brighton and Hove