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Ms J Kearsley
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Dear Ms Kearsley,

Inquest into the death of Michael Hoolickin

Please accept this letter as the response on behalf of Lancashire Constabulary to the Regulation 28 Report to prevent future deaths with specific reference to the information sharing between Lancashire Constabulary and GMP on 10 May 2016.

On 10 May 2016 [REDACTED] was travelling in a vehicle driven by [REDACTED] when both men were arrested for drug offences. From research of records in this case and the recollection of the Custody Sergeant who was involved that day - [REDACTED] it is clear that following the arrest of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and whilst they were in custody, Sergeant [REDACTED] has promptly made contact with Greater Manchester Police Integrated Offender Management Team to pass details of, certainly, the arrest of [REDACTED]. This was conducted in response to a 'marker' placed on [REDACTED] custody record. It is believed this was endorsed by the GMP IOM team to flag he was an IOM nominal managed by them. What cannot be established due to passage of time and with any certainty is what, if any, information was exchanged in respect of [REDACTED]

The lack of certainty as to what information was being shared was an isolated incident and was not demonstrative of any systemic failing(s). We have detailed below how Lancashire Constabulary operates in practice in this area.

Lancashire Constabulary works in partnership with the National Probation Service to establish the passage of information concerning prisoners released from custody on licence with conditions to the force via their Force Intelligence Department. This was the practice in May 2016 and still occurs now.

A new system is being developed (in response to a separate review) and will be adopted whereby a 'flag' will be raised on the force's 'Connect' system (a recently introduced intelligence and case management IT system) which indicates to the user (for example Contact Management Staff, Custody Staff, Investigators etc.) researching the specific nominal, that they are on licence in the community. This will include guidance that they must consider referral to

the NPS Offender Manager's office where a potential breach of licence has occurred. This of course will depend upon the specific nature of the police contact with said nominal. In 'out-of-hours' cases this will be via the NPS duty 'Approved Premises' Manager who will instigate breach proceedings where appropriate. The intention of this measure is to account for missed opportunities, which may arise through officers/staff not routinely checking the "CU" custody page of the nominal's PNC record, which can be overlooked in some cases of police contact with a nominal on licence.

Additionally, (again as part of the separate review referred to above) an exercise will be undertaken to share the list of nominals currently in the community under licence and effectively 'back-record' the fact they are on licence with the same flag and guidance as above.

Directed messages will be cascaded to reinforce this message.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Gladwin', written in a cursive style.

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