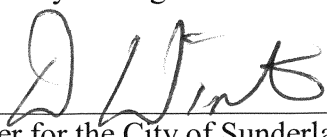




Derek Winter DL
Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP Secretary of State for the Home Department 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Derek Winter DL, Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</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. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>Kay Michelle Martin (referred to herein as Kay Richardson) was born on 26th December 1968 and died on 21st September 2018, aged 49 years. The cause of her death was Strangulation and Blunt Force Head Injury.</p> <p>I opened and adjourned an Inquest into her death as part of my Investigation on 27th September 2018.</p> <p>The Inquest was heard on 22nd August 2019 when I gave a conclusion that Kay Richardson was unlawfully killed and further recorded that: - 'Kay Michelle Martin (nee Richardson) died on 21st September 2018 at 00:30 hours at [REDACTED] Sunderland following a brutal and sustained attack.'</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Kay Richardson had a volatile relationship with her husband [REDACTED]. They were joint owners of the matrimonial home at [REDACTED] in Sunderland.</p> <p>Between 1st January 2011 and 12th September 2018 there were 12 reported incidents of domestic abuse.</p> <p>On 8th September 2018 [REDACTED] was arrested for assault and rape and later released that day by the Police under investigation. The keys to the former matrimonial home were returned to [REDACTED].</p>

	<p>Kay Richardson was assessed by the Police as being high risk.</p> <p>On 17th September 2018 Kay Richardson attended the Family Court and was granted a non-molestation order. [REDACTED] was served with that order (and other papers including a detailed statement about his behaviour) on 18th September 2018 with a return date of 26th September 2018 to the Family Court to consider the continuation of the non-molestation order and for the Judge to consider making an Occupation Order to exclude [REDACTED] from the family home.</p> <p>On the evening of 19th September 2018 [REDACTED] gained entry to the family home with his keys, hid upstairs, subjected Kay Richardson to catastrophic injuries to cause her death before [REDACTED] taking his own life by hanging.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>I was concerned to hear that from 8th August 2018 to 18th September 2018 Kay Richardson had no protection in place. [REDACTED] was only under investigation by the Police and was not subject to any conditions of police bail or other restrictions such as confiscation (or encouragement) to surrender his family home keys, all of which may have acted as a deterrent.</p> <p>I was wondering whether you would review these procedures and resources available to protect victims of domestic abuse to prevent future deaths arising.</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</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>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 24th October 2019. 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>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and their Advocate from AAFDA (Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse) • Northumbria Police • Domestic Homicide Review Team • IOPC (Independent Office for Police Conduct) <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</p>

	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.
9	Dated this 27 th day of August 2019 Signature  Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland