

Mr Andre Rebello, OBE Senior Coroner for Liverpool and Wirral Gerard Majella Courthouse Boundary Street Liverpool L5 2QD

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H.M. Coroner

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Dear Mr Rebello

Re: Regulation 28 Report into the death of Lucia Jayne Stear

Thank you for your Regulation 28 Report following the untimely death of Lucia Jayne Stear. Your recommendation to the Local Government Association required us to bring the matter to the attention of local authority members and advise the court on the steps taken to ensure that there is national learning from this tragic death.

An item has been included in my weekly email bulletin to all local authority chief executives. The item will be repeated in the next issue of the LGA's email bulletin on environmental issues, due in early November.

To raise and discuss the findings of your review directly with local authorities the LGA will set up an event with relevant officers by the end of December 2019, using online/webinar technology to ensure that it is available to a wide range of locations. The outcomes of the event will be made available on the LGA website along with a link to the anonymised Section 28 report and good practice on tree management and reducing the risk of harm. We will ask relevant professional networks of local government officers with an interest in public parks and environment services to share this information with their members.

We will also liaise with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to address the recommendations in your report to raise the issue nationally.

I hope this gives you a clear picture of the LGA's response to your recommendation. If you require any further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Mark Lloyd Chief Executive