

ANNEX A

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

*NOTE: This form is to be used **after** an inquest.*

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Leeds City Council2. Festival Republic Ltd, FAO [REDACTED]3. Live Nation Entertainment Plc
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Kevin McLoughlin, Senior Coroner, for the Coroner area of West Yorkshire (Eastern)</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.</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 28.8.2019, I commenced an investigation into the death of Any Lily Buckley, aged 17. The investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on 13.01.2021. The conclusion of the Inquest was that this was a drug-related death due to Mixed Drug Toxicity.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Anya Lily Buckley, aged 17, attended the Leeds Festival on Friday 23.08.2019. During the evening, she took various illicit drugs. Around 03.00 she collapsed. Despite CPR from the medical personnel on site, she could not be revived and was pronounced dead at 03.42 hours on Saturday 24.08.2019 at the Leeds Festival site, Bramham Park, Leeds.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of the Inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Young people aged 16-17 are admitted to the Leeds Festival without any adult supervision.(2) Illicit drugs are a fact of life at festivals such as this, despite the efforts made by the organiser to prevent them getting in, and to treat those who are harmed by them. The infrastructure of drug searches and medical resources testifies to this.(3) The mixture of potentially vulnerable young people and available illicit drugs creates a tempting situation for these excited teenagers and exposes them to the potential harm which illicit drugs can inflict.(4) As teenagers aged 16-17 are not legally permitted to be in public houses or night clubs, it seems anomalous that they should be free to spend the while night in an environment where illicit drugs and alcohol are prevalent.(5) Evidence was given at Inquest by Miss Buckley's mother that entry should be restricted to people under the age of 18. In fairness, evidence was also given in

	<p>relation to: a) the difficulty of checking age, and b) the possibility that young people will search for excitement elsewhere if they cannot attend well-organised festivals and c) the casualty rate of those adversely affected by drugs is low when set against the huge numbers of young people attending.</p> <p>(6) As Leeds City Council licence the Leeds Festival, it is for them to consider whether admitting 16-17 year old teenagers into the festival (when they are not permitted in other licensed premises) amounts to an abdication of responsibility in relation to impressionable and potentially vulnerable teenagers.</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe your organisation has 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 Friday 12th March 2021. 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. [REDACTED] (parents of Anya Lily Buckley). 2. West Yorkshire Police (FAO DC [REDACTED]) 3. Local Safeguarding Board <p>I have also sent it to the following, who may find it useful or of interest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Yorkshire Post Newspapers 2) Mr [REDACTED] (journalist) <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 or of interest.</p> <p>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.</p>
9	<p>19th January 2021 <i>Kevin McLaughlin</i></p>