

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> <p>1. Rt Hon, Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State, Department of Health</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Mr Simon Raymond Nelson, Assistant Coroner, for the coroner area of Manchester West</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. [HYPERLINKS]</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 11 January 2021 I commenced an investigation into the death of Amy Anne June Ganner, aged 26 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 22 June 2021. The conclusion of the inquest was Misadventure. The medical cause of death was 1a) Combined Drugs Toxicity.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Against a background of complex health conditions with chronic pain the deceased inadvertently ingested an excessive amount of prescribed medication prior to being discovered on 6th January 2021..</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 could 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> <p>The deceased had suffered with chronic pain from complex medical conditions for several years. Her medication included Tramadol capsules; Zomorph modified release capsules and morphine sulphate oral solution all of which were opioid drugs associated with central nervous and respiratory depressant effects. Their individual effects would be enhanced when taken in combination and these depressant effects would be exacerbated by her use of the other drugs appropriately prescribed for her. As for all opiate cases the toxicological significance of the morphine concentration will depend upon the degree of tolerance possessed by the deceased. In this case as the opiate based medication was prescribed for her and being used regularly she would be expected to have a degree of tolerance. However it is known and was asserted in evidence that tolerances can be quickly lost, in the event of a period of abstinence; that the diminution of tolerance varies from person to person and is extremely difficult to</p>

	<p>predict. Whilst the deceased was intelligent and had a clear understanding of the risks, benefits and role of her medication both her general practitioner who gave evidence and I believe that it would be extremely helpful if the Department of Health was to support the production of a leaflet in both electronic and paper formats dealing with the concept of 'tolerance' and emphasising the serious risk of toxicity which would be available to all whom are prescribed opiate based medication.</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>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.</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 20th August 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ██████████ – mother ██████████ father ██████████ partner ██████████ – General Practitioner <p>I am also under a duty to send a copy of your response to the Chief Coroner and all interested persons who in my opinion should receive it.</p> <p>I may also send a copy of your response to any other person who I believe may find it useful or of interest.</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.</p>
9	<p>24 June 2021</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Julia Nelson</i></p>