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Date: 21 February 2022

Miss Emma Brown  
HM Coroner  
Coroner's Court

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Dear Madam Coroner,

### **Inquest touching upon the death of Adam Marshall Elliot Stone**

I write in response to your Regulation 28 Report To Prevent Future Deaths (“PFD”) dated 27 January 2022. I was very sorry to learn of the death of Mr Stone and, on behalf of the College of Paramedics, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to his family and friends.

The College of Paramedics is the recognised professional body for all paramedics, including those who operate within the ambulance sector in the UK. We are established as a charity, with the charity’s objects being the “advancement of health and saving and improving of lives and the advancement of education, training and efficiency within the paramedic profession”. Essentially, the College represents its members in all matters affecting their clinical practice and we support members to achieve the highest standards of patient care.

It may assist for me to clarify that the College of Paramedics is not responsible for setting standards for paramedics’ education, training, or practice. That responsibility lies with the statutory regulator of paramedics, the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). However, the College of Paramedics will ensure that any subsequent review of its pre-registration curricula will include the latest evidence on Acute Behavioural Disturbance.

The College of Paramedics is also not responsible for determining NHS ambulance response categories. That power lies with NHS England, although the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE) provide evidence and guidance to support this.

In these circumstances, I regret that I do not believe it is within the College’s power to implement any particular action in response to your PFD.

I am aware that AACE will also be writing to you in response to your PFD. The College endorses the content of AACE’s letter to you. However, the College would always support an evidence-based review of the current response categorisation of Acute Behavioural Disturbance in order to ensure that a Category 2 response remains the appropriate disposition and I will share this correspondence with NHS England’s Emergency Call Prioritisation Advisory Group and AACE to propose that such a review be considered in the light of this PFD.

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The College of Paramedics has also been involved in collaboration with AACE on the recognition and treatment of Acute Behavioural Disturbance, including this topic being presented at recent Continuous Professional Development (CPD) events following extensive guideline development.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you feel that the College can be of any further assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely,



**Chief Executive**