

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS.

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) <p>Copied for interest to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Coroner• [REDACTED] (Finn's parents)• The University of Manchester
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Mr Zak Golombek, Area Coroner for Manchester (City) Area</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>INQUEST</p> <p>I concluded the inquest into the death of Finnian Gabriel Denney Kitson on 24th January 2022 and recorded that he died from:</p> <p>1a Hanging</p> <p>I returned a short-form conclusion of Suicide.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>The Deceased, who had been diagnosed with anxiety and prescribed medication accordingly, took his own life in his student accommodation on 8th October 2020. At the time of his death he had recently commenced his studies at The University of Manchester.</p> <p>As part of his application process for his tertiary level education, the Deceased applied through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) online system. As part of the UCAS application form, an applicant is asked to confirm whether they have any 'disability' or 'special needs'. The Deceased, using the drop-down list, confirmed he had no disability.</p> <p>The Deceased did in fact have a diagnosed mental health illness. The guidance notes for completion of the UCAS form make reference to 'mental health'; however, such notes are not commonly accessed by applicants, and reference to 'mental</p>

	health' as a disability can be confusing and discouraging for applicants.
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> <p>The option for applicants to disclose a mental health illness should be considered separate to them confirming whether they have any 'disability' or 'special needs'. It is likely that the majority of applicants will consider evidence of a disability or special needs to refer to physical illness, not mental health illness. Moreover, those who suffer from mental health illness (irrespective of its severity) will often not consider themselves to have a 'disability'.</p> <p>Omitting to refer specifically (and explicitly) to mental health on the form could, in my judgement, discourage applicants from disclosing information about their mental health diagnosis, and thus provide them with support at the point they commence their studies.</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 24th March 2022. 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 Interested Persons. I have also sent it to organisations who may find it useful or of interest.</p> <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. 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>DATE: _____ NAME OF CORONER: _____</p>

27th January 2022

Zak Golombeck
HM Area Coroner for
Manchester City Area

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ZG.', located below the 'Signed:' label.