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For the attention of:  
Rachel Claire Griffin, Senior Coroner, for the Coroner Area of Dorset



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13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Coroner,

We refer to your report of 18 March 2022. Unfortunately neither your report nor any letter from the CAA of Sept 2019 was received by the FA as far as we are aware. Your report was provided to us by the English Football League on 27 April 2022. As we did not receive the report, we have also had to rely upon the English Football League for the email address to where we should send our response.

The FA does not have knowledge of the practice of illegal flights as described in your report and was not an interested party at the inquest. In the absence of being able to review all the evidence presented to the inquest (which would also require expert advice even if we did review the evidence) The FA is not in a position to comment upon the regulatory functions of the CAA or the extent to which any suggested lack of powers inhibits its function of investigating air accidents and prosecuting where the evidence supports a prosecution.

We are able to confirm that the CAA did contact our Customer Services team in April 2019. We then agreed a form of words to be sent to clubs regarding the hire of aircraft. The CAA contacted us again in May 2019 asking that we delay issuing any information because the CAA was updating its guidance. The FA did not hear from the CAA again until January 2020 when we were informed that the guidance on "Illegal Public Transport" had been updated and they would like assistance in circulating the new guidance. We agreed to do so and we were informed a document would be sent to us the following week. Nothing was received and so we followed up with the CAA. The CAA apologised having thought the new guidance had been sent to us. It was subsequently sent to us and it was then sent out by the Leagues on behalf of the FA to clubs and by the FA directly to Registered Intermediaries in March 2021.

We believe we have done what we can in this matter particularly given the subject matter and obvious jurisdictional matters but are of course willing to assist further if we can.

Yours faithfully

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