



M. E. Voisin
Her Majesty's Senior Coroner
Area of Avon

13th December 2018

REF: 12849

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>Suspension Bridge Trustees</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am M. E. Voisin, Senior Coroner for the Area of Avon</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 05/12/2018 I commenced an investigation into the death of Bertram Montague Henry Crawford. The investigation is ongoing.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>I am currently aware that he was seen to walk alone onto the Clifton Suspension Bridge, then, just before reaching the half way point he stopped climbed over the wire fence and jumped to his death. The details as I said are still being investigated but this is what I am currently aware of.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of this investigation the evidence has 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>This is the 3rd student death from the bridge this year, it being the 4th student death from the bridge in two years. This is obviously on top of the other deaths from the bridge that have occurred. I appreciate that the bridge is a site of historical interest however, this cluster of student deaths is of particular concern and I considered that I had a duty to formally report this to you.</p>

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6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you 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 12th February 2019. 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"> • NOK of Bertie Crawford (deceased) • NOK of Benjamin Murray (deceased) • NOK of Alex Elsmore (deceased) • NOK of Lara Nosiru (deceased) <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>17/12/2018</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Area of Avon</p>