



East London Coroners

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	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Secretary of State for the Home Department 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF United Kingdom public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk2. The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis Metropolitan Police Service New Scotland Yard Broadway London SW1H 0BG new.scotland.yard@met.police.uk
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Mr Graeme Irvine Area Coroner for East London</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. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On the 3rd January 2020 I opened an investigation touching the death of Imane Bouasbia, aged 30 years old. I opened an inquest on the 15th January 2020. The inquest concluded on the 22nd September 2020.</p> <p>The conclusion of the inquest was suicide.</p>

	<p>The record of inquest stated, "On 3rd January 2020 Ms Imane Bouasbia was struck by Central Line tube train at Newbury Park Station, she was killed instantly."</p> <p>The medical cause of death was; 1a Multiple Injuries, 1b Blunt Force Trauma.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH</p> <p>Ms Bouasbia was the victim of a sexual assault on 1st January 2020.</p> <p>On 2nd January 2020 she made a complaint to the police in which she stated, "I wish I was dead". Officer 1 attended on Ms Bouasbia and took an initial account, during which the complainant voiced further suicidal thoughts. The case was handed over to Officer 2 a trained SOIT specialist. In the handover no mention of suicidal thoughts was made clear.</p> <p>On 3rd January 2020 Ms Bouasbia sent Officer 2 a text message stating, "...I am having suicidal thoughts".</p> <p>Later that day Ms Bouasbia stepped in front of a moving Central Line tube train at Newbury Park Station, she was killed instantly.</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 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The failure of Officer 1 to effectively communicate to Officer 2 either verbally or in the CRIS handover, that Ms Bouasbia had expressed the view that she wished to end her own life following the attack she sustained on 1st Jan 2020. b. The failure of Officer 2 to complete a risk assessment of Ms Bouasbia regarding thoughts of self-harm or suicide. c. The police reaction to Ms Bouasbia's text message at of 3rd January 2020 indicating suicidal thoughts was limited to a non-expedited instruction on a CAD action. The only response to Ms Bouasbia was a further text message rather than a telephone call.
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 7th January 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>

I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner, to the family of Ms Bouasbia, and The Survivors' Trust.

I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.

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.

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Signature



Mr Graeme Irvine Area Coroner **East London**