

HM Coroner Andrew Walker North London Coroners Court

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Dear HM Coroner Andrew Walker

Regulation 28 Report following the inquest into the death of Mr Sean Ennis

We write further to the Regulation 28 report dated 21 February 2022, that you made following the inquest into the death of Mr Sean Ennis after a fire at Knightleas Court. The report was sent on to us by the London Fire Brigade and whilst we were not asked to respond to the report directly, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) has carefully considered the matters raised in your Regulation 28 report.

At CQC, we make sure that health and care services in England provide people with safe, effective and high-quality care. We monitor, inspect and rate the quality of care of providers and highlight to them where they need to make any improvements in their standards of care. If they do not meet the legal requirements, known as Fundamental Standards, we take action to make sure they improve.

CQC is responsible for the regulation of providers and managers where they are carrying on a regulated activity as defined in the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014. The setting where this incident occurred, Knightleas Court, is a sheltered housing service in Brent and is not registered with CQC as it is not providing any regulated activity. In addition, we have spoken with the London Borough of Brent adult social care team and have been advised that Mr Sean Ennis was not in receipt of any care service and as such we cannot inspect or take any further regulatory action in this case.

However, we do note your comments about the use of Person-Centred Fire Risk Assessments and recognise this as an important issue. CQC inspectors have been trained in fire safety in supported housing through their induction training, and this training is guided by the National Fire Chiefs Council's very comprehensive guidance on Fire Safety in Specialised Housing. We are currently working closely with the National Fire Chief's Council on how we can promote the use of Person-Centred Fire Risk Assessments further with both CQC registered providers and landlords of sheltered housing. We kindly thank you for your report. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours sincerely



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