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## Swansea Bay University Health Board Headquarters

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Your ref/Eich Cyf: Our Ref/Ein Cyf: 763 SBU Health Board Headquarters One Port Talbot Gateway, Seaway Parade Port Talbot SA12 7BR

Date 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Mrs Kirsten Heaven, Assistant Coroner for Swansea and Neath Port Talbot, The Guildhall, Swansea, SA1 4PE

Dear Mrs Heaven,

Re: Inquest of Khalid Abiaz

I write further to your correspondence regarding the above and the Prevention of Future Deaths Report (Regulation 28) notification issued to the Health Board on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The Report was issued as a result of the inquest into Mr Abiaz's death at HMP Swansea on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016, which concluded on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

You detail your concerns in respect of the bank nurse witness, who was employed by Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB). The bank nurse at the time of Mr Abiaz's death was employed by Bro Morgannwg University Health Board and undertook the first reception screening for Mr Abiaz when he arrived at HMP Swansea.

The report highlights your concern around the level and adequacy of the training on ACCT, which falls under the remit of the prison and thus will be addressed separately in the prisons response, but also concerns in respect of a bank nurse employed by SBUHB having access to the ACCT training.



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Furthermore, Health Staff will be rostered to attend the ACCT Awareness training as a matter of priority. Updates on training numbers will be provided by the Health Care lead on a monthly basis via the Quality and Safety forum. Training will be a part of the mandatory induction for new Prison Health Board staff, and refresher training will be accessible to staff also, as and when the prison release dates.

In addition, the Health Board and HMP Swansea have agreed that Health Board bank staff will no longer undertake the reception or screening function unless they are key trained, have the necessary clearances and have undergone the appropriate training. The substantive prison staff will be detailed to undertake the reception functions.

To date, 8 prison health staff have undergone the version 6 ACCT training with 22 staff members remaining. The Health Board are also negotiating securing places for the medical staff on the training. This remains very much on our radar and as the national ACCT training dates are released, securing places will be a priority for the Health Board for those individuals who work in this setting.

I trust that the details included in this response sufficiently address the matters of concern raised in the report and provide you with the required level of assurance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours Sincerely,

Chief Executive



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