**MR G IRVINE**

**ACTING SENIOR CORONER**

**EAST LONDON**

**Walthamstow Coroner's Court, Queens Road Walthamstow, E17 8QP**


## REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

Ref: 14161785

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| | **REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS**<br><br>**THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:**<br><br>1. , Acting CEO, North East London Foundation Trust, Goodmayes Hospital, Goodmayes, Ilford, IG3 8XJ<br>2. – High St Surgery, 219 High Street, Hornchurch, RM11 3XT |
| 1 | **CORONER**<br><br>I am Graeme Irvine, acting senior coroner, for the coroner area of East London |
| 2 | **CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS**<br><br>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.<br>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7<br>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made |
| 3 | **INVESTIGATION and INQUEST**<br><br>On 19th June 2021 I commenced an investigation into the death of Michael John Vince, 62 years old. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 22nd June 2022. I made a determination of a Open conclusion along with a short narrative;<br><br>"*On 19th June 2021 Mr Michael John Vince was found unresponsive at his home address having taken a voluntary overdose . Despite the best efforts of his friends and emergency services he was declared dead later that day. It has not been possible to determine Mr Vince's intent.*"<br><br>The medical cause of death was:<br>1a. toxicity |

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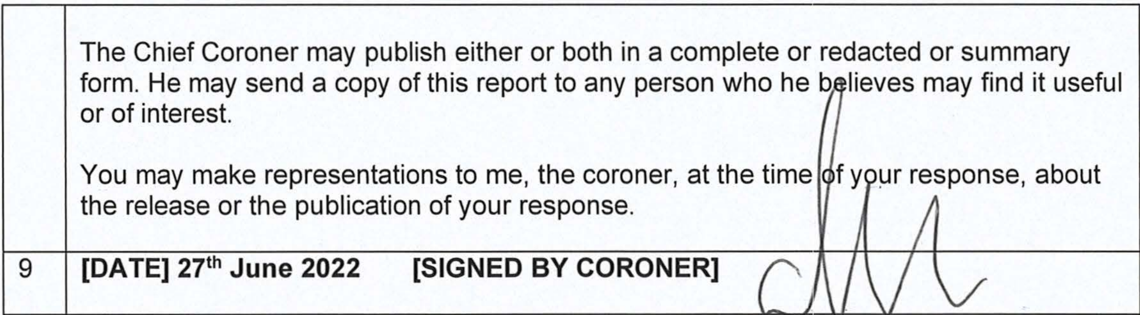
| 4 | **CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH**<br><br>Mr Vince was a patient of the community mental health team, receiving treatment for schizo-affective disorder. One of Mr Vince's medications was [redacted], prescribed for insomnia.<br><br>In the days prior to his death, Mr Vince appeared low in mood and during an assessment by a paramedic, complained about his inability to sleep and his anxiety [redacted]<br><br>On 19th June 2021 Mr Vince was found deceased having apparently taken an overdose [redacted] Toxicology found a level [redacted] in Mr Vince's bloodstream twenty times higher than therapeutic levels. |
| 5 | **CORONER'S CONCERNS**<br><br>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths could occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.<br><br>The **MATTERS OF CONCERN** are as follows. –<br><br>1. The NICE guidelines for [redacted] indicate that it is a suitable medication for the short term treatment of insomnia, it advises against prolonged use due to risk of tolerance and withdrawal symptoms. Mr Vince is said to have been prescribed [redacted] for 20 years.<br>2. No evidence exists to support that Mr Vince's GP or community mental health team meaningfully reviewed his prescription [redacted]<br>3. Evidence of Mr Vince's dependence upon [redacted] was not shared by his GP with the mental health trust.<br>4. The frequency with which Mr Vince was administering his PRN [redacted] was never monitored. |
| 6 | **ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN**<br><br>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you [AND/OR your organisation] have the power to take such action. |
| 7 | **YOUR RESPONSE**<br><br>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by **18th August 2022**. I, the coroner, may extend the period.<br><br>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. |
| 8 | **COPIES and PUBLICATION**<br><br>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons: The family of Mr Vince, The Care Quality Commission, The General Medical Council, The Secretary of State for Health & Social Care. I have also sent it to the local Director of Public Health who may find it useful or of interest.<br><br>I am also under a duty to send a copy of your response to the Chief Coroner and all interested persons who in my opinion should receive it.<br><br>I may also send a copy of your response to any other person who I believe may find it useful or of interest. |



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| | 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.<br><br>You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response. |
| 9 | **[DATE] 27th June 2022 [SIGNED BY CORONER]** |