

Mrs Rachael C Griffin
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Bournemouth Town Hall
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Dear Mrs Griffin

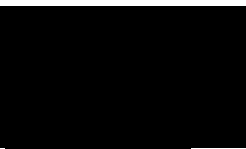
You have requested that I provide a response to a Regulation 28 report which you issued following the inquest into the death of Bradleigh Barnes at HMP Portland on 28 December 2019.

As you are aware, in December 2022 [REDACTED], Director General Operations, on behalf of His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS), wrote to you providing a response to the concerns you had raised in relation to the Prison Service. I, as Governing Governor of HMP Portland, with responsibility for the prison, provided relevant information to contribute to the response.

HMPPS is committed to learning from deaths in custody and preventing future deaths, and learning from regulation 28 reports helps to inform national actions and feed into local actions which Governing Governors are responsible for embedding and managing at their prisons. Phil Copple, as the most senior appropriate person to provide assurances of the actions being taken at a local and national level across the organisation, considers and responds to all Regulation 28 reports issued to HMPPS. I understand that you require a separate response from me confirming this.

I hope that this letter provides assurance that the response already received is on behalf of the whole agency, HMPPS, but that I was involved in the consultation and drafting of the response, providing assurance to [REDACTED] of the actions taken locally at HMP Portland.

Yours sincerely



GOVERNOR