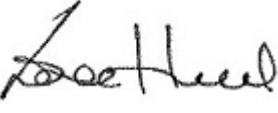


	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief Constable for West Midlands Police 2. West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner [REDACTED] 3. The Home Secretary
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Mrs Louise Hunt the Senior Coroner for Birmingham and Solihull.</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.</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 30 August 2018 I commenced investigations into the death of Raneem Oudeh and Khaola Saleem. The investigations continue and inquests were resumed before a jury on 31/10/22. The inquests have not yet concluded however, I heard evidence that raises a significant concern about the risk of future fatalities to a particularly vulnerable group that I am sending this report before the conclusion of the inquest. As the inquests are yet to conclude I will only provide a summary of the factual circumstances.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Raneem Oudeh was originally from Syria. She came to the UK in 2014 to be with her mother Khaola Saleem who had two other daughters. They both lived in Solihull. Khaola had come to the UK several years earlier joining her sister. Khaola met her husband in 2002 and they got married and had 3 children. Raneem attended Solihull College and it was there that she met a man [REDACTED] they became friends. [REDACTED] started to hassle Raneem at college, and he was suspended from the college as a result of this and poor attendance. In 2015 Raneem married another man but that relationship broke down due to relationship issues when she was pregnant, and she moved back to live with her mother. Raneem had a little boy [REDACTED] Raneem reformed a relationship with [REDACTED] in 2017 and they married on 02/04/17. Raneem found out that [REDACTED] was in fact married to another woman [REDACTED] with whom he had children and ended the relationship in April 2018. At this time Raneem revealed to her family that she was subject to domestic abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour [REDACTED]. From April 2018 Raneem contacted WMP on a number of occasions as follows:</p> <p>02/04/18 - she called 999 [REDACTED] made threats [REDACTED] Police attended however no effective investigation was undertaken and the case was closed.</p> <p>27/04/18 - Raneem called an ambulance as she was suffering from Chest pain. The ambulance crew took her to hospital and during the journey she revealed her partner was volatile and had been violent towards her causing severe bruising to her shoulder. A nurse from the hospital called 999 to report that Raneem was a victim of domestic violence. Police attended but no effective investigation was undertaken, and the file was closed.</p> <p>27/05/18 - Raneem called 999 in a distressed state [REDACTED]</p>

	<p>██████████. Police attended however no effective investigation was conducted.</p> <p>There were other calls made to the police on 29/05/18, 30/05/18, 31/05/18 and 11/08/18 relating to further incidents of domestic abuse.</p> <p>16/08/18 Raneem obtained a non-molestation order ██████████ ██████████</p> <p>26/08/18 Raneem and Khaola attended the Rotana Shisha Lounge in Birmingham where Raneem was meeting a potential new partner. ██████████ turned up and an altercation ensued where he slapped Khaola. The police were called but their response was delayed by a firearms incident. Raneem updated the police that she and her mother had left the location to travel home. At just after midnight ██████████ murdered Raneem and Khaola outside Khaola's home address ██████████. He was subsequently convicted of both murders. The inquest will be focusing on the events from April 2018 and the contacts Raneem had with various agencies.</p> <p>Following forensic post mortems, the medical cause of death for each woman was determined to be:</p> <p>1a MULTIPLE STAB WOUNDS</p> <p>1b</p> <p>1c</p> <p>II</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to a serious 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"> 1. The inquest heard evidence that the domestic abuse team within the Public Protection Unit were seriously short staffed. The inquest was told that in Raneem's case the officer reviewing her case on 28/04/18 understood that more needed to be done however he filed the report due to having no staff to investigate the case. The officer stated that this problem continues. The inquest was told that cases are not being investigated due to lack of resources in the department. This leaves a very real and immediate concern that women like Raneem, who was a repeat victim of domestic violence and controlling and coercive control from a man who had made threats to kill her, are at serious risk due to a lack of effective investigation by the department responsible for investigating domestic abuse.
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 30 December 2022. 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> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons:</p> <p>The family of Raneem Oudeh and Khaola Saleem</p> <p>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council</p> <p>The Probation Service and Staffordshire West Midlands CRC Ltd</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>IOPC</p> <p>DHR</p> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>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.</p>
9	<p>3 November 2022</p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Mrs Louise Hunt</p> <p>HM Senior Coroner for Birmingham and Solihull</p>