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Date: 12th April 2023

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Dear Mr Arrow

Re: Prevention of Future Death Report (PFD) under Regulation 28 Coroners (investigation) Regulations 2013

Thank you for your letter dated 8th March and the accompanying notices.

We have noted the details of the Regulation 28 Notice, sent to *'All Chief Constables in England and Wales'*. We note your concerns detailed in section 5 and we are committed to ensuring that we address these concerns and are undertaking the following.

We have established a Gold group, chaired by myself to oversee our response and any required actions to the PFD reports distributed to us.

We have commenced a review of all our records, aiming to identify which records meet the criteria set out in your notice, *'a further review of all certificates seized, refused, revoked, or surrendered and then subsequently approved over the last 5 years'*. Early indications suggest that this would involve a review of approximately 2000 records, however we are still working through our records and do not have a final figure. We aim to have this completed in late April 2023.


We will review all records that we identify and consider the most recent decision first. We will ensure that where our decisions have been subject to an appeal and a return ordered by the Crown Court, we will appropriately flag to our Force Legal Services Department for any action.

We will aim to complete the full review of all records by 2nd October, however, until we have understood the number of records that we need to review, we are unable to confirm this to date. We will create an assessment framework to test our decisions and record any actions that we take. This will of course be made available on request to evidence our activities.

We are in the process of developing an Action Plan to manage our response to the reports and we also have in place an Action Plan to manage our Gold group and record any decisions that we take.

I trust that you will find our actions agreeable, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarity.

Yours sincerely


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