




Regulation 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

NOTE: This form is to be used **after** an inquest.

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: The Chief Executive of National Highways National Highways Bridgehouse 1 Walnut Tree Close Guildford Surrey GU1 4LZ</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Anne PEMBER, Senior Coroner for the coroner area of Northamptonshire</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 11 August 2021 I commenced an investigation into the death of Benjamin James TEAGUE aged 26. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 08 March 2023. The conclusion of the inquest was: 1a Head Injury</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>On the evening of 2nd August 2021, Benjamin Teague drove his BMW car on the A5 between Pottersbury and Paulerspury. He overtook a vehicle, crossed to his incorrect side of the road where he collided head on with an approaching car. He was confirmed deceased at the scene.</p> <p>My conclusion was Road Traffic Collision</p>
5	<p>CORONER'S CONCERNS</p> <p>During the course of the investigation my inquiries 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.</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows: During the course of the inquest, evidence was given that the A5 between Pottersbury and Paulerspury (scene of the collision) is in a very poor state with potholes. I understand that a repair was carried out shortly after the road traffic collision but has since deteriorated. I believe that this matter should be looked at by National Highways,</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p>



	<p>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.</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 June 08, 2023. 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 Benjamin Teague</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I may also send a copy of your response to any person who I believe may find it useful or of interest.</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.</p> <p>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>Dated: 14/04/2023</p> <p></p> <p>Anne PEMBER Senior Coroner for Northamptonshire</p>