


REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

	<p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HM Prison Wakefield, [REDACTED], Governor2. Ministry of Justice – Rt Hon Alex Chalk KC MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Kevin McLoughlin, Senior Coroner, for the Coroner area of West Yorkshire (East).</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 20th April 2021 I commenced an investigation into the death of Stephen Kurt Beadman, aged 34. The investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on 21st June 2023. The conclusion of the Inquest was a Narrative which included a finding that Mr Beadman committed suicide having been bullied by other prisoners.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Mr Beadman, aged 34, was serving a long sentence at HMP Wakefield.</p> <p>He had repeatedly complained of being bullied and was in fear that a 'contract' was out on him following suspicions that he was an informer. He had a long history of self-harming.</p> <p>On 7th April 2021 around 2:30pm he barricaded himself in his cell and inflicted wounds [REDACTED] issued to him by the prison which he was entitled to have in his possession in his locked cell. An ACCT was opened that afternoon as he was in an agitated state. He was seen at 4pm and 4:30pm but at 5:05pm he was found in an unresponsive state with a neck ligature applied to his neck. He died in hospital the following day, 8th April 2021.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of the Inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to 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) Mr Beadman had a history of self-harming [REDACTED]. Nonetheless, he was permitted [REDACTED] in his possession when alone in his cell.2) For the avoidance of doubt, Mr Beadman took his own life later in the afternoon of 7th April 2021 by applying a ligature to his neck, [REDACTED] to take his own life.3) The issue of [REDACTED] gives rise to a foreseeable risk.4) Only six weeks before the 7th April 2021 incident, another prisoner, Carl Shaun Langdell had used a similar type of [REDACTED] to inflict a fatal wound to his neck. A Prevention of Future Death Report dated 21.10.22 was made in that case. A copy is attached, along with the response received from [REDACTED] dated 23.12.22.

	<p>5) Evidence was taken at the Inquest in which several people working at the prison expressed support for such [REDACTED] to be withdrawn from use in the prison.</p> <p>6) It is acknowledged that consideration has been given within the prison service nationally to the withdrawal of [REDACTED] of this type and that this work (including various pilot projects) is ongoing. It is further acknowledged that the difficulties in identifying a workable alternative system of male grooming are considerable. This does not, however, obviate the need to remove a clear source of potential harm from those with an identified history of self-harming.</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 the Prison Service 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 2nd September 2023 (to take account of the impending holiday season). 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) [REDACTED], Mother of Stephen K Beadman 2) Practice Plus Group, [REDACTED] 3) Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, [REDACTED] <p>I have also sent it to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) [REDACTED], Governor, HMP Wakefield 2) [REDACTED], Government Legal Department <p>who may find it useful or of interest.</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.</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>Signed:</p> <p></p> <p>Kevin McLoughlin Senior Coroner West Yorkshire (East)</p> <p>Dated: 23rd June 2023</p>