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Response to Regulation 28 Report - Christopher Locke Deceased

J D Wetherspoon PLC (“Wetherspoon”) was very sorry to have learnt about the passing of Mr Locke. On hearing evidence at the Inquest we understand why the Coroner has raised the Regulation 28 Report. We are aware that the Coroner has also contacted a trade body to also look into the provision of CPR training across the wider licensed industry.

We note that incorrect evidence was given by Wetherspoon employees at the Inquest to the effect that *“there had previously been a scheme offered to undertake additional training including CPR training”*. That position is not correct.

Wetherspoon have a policy that if any customers or staff get into a medical emergency, care is provided by appropriately trained medical professionals. It is therefore Wetherspoon’s policy that for any injury or medical incident that requires immediate attention, emergency services are called and an ambulance is requested. Wetherspoon does not provide or offer medical training (which would include CPR training) to its staff as it feels a qualified medical professional is best place to provide it. This policy has been in place for 25 years and has been reviewed by and assured advice has been received from Wetherspoon’s Primary Authority.

Wetherspoon has reviewed the position in relation to offering CPR training since receiving the Regulation 28 Report but will not be making any changes to the existing policy.