

Alison Mutch OBE HM Senior Coroner Coroners Court 1 Mount Tabour Street Stockport SK1 3AG

Date: 14th September 2023

Dear Ms Mutch,

Regulation 28 Report – Mr Andre Moura

I write on behalf of the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) in relation to paragraph 7, Schedule 5 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013, in relation to the prevention of future deaths report sent via email to the NPCC dated 10th July 2023.

The notice sets out concerns that arose from the information received during the inquest into the death of Mr Moura which occurred in July 2018. I am very sorry to read of the circumstances of Andre's death. My sympathies are with his family and friends, and I share your commitment to addressing the issues you have highlighted.

I note you set out five areas of concern, four of which focus on College of Policing Personal Safety Training, with particular focus on Acute Behaviour Disturbance (ABD). I am aware the College of Policing have written to you separately to address these points and have shared the timeframes for implementation of new Public and Personal Safety Training and revised ABD training.

In relation to point 5, we are in the process of re-writing and revising the NPCC Body Worn Video (BWV) guidance and it has been agreed that we would include that BWV should be left running during periods of prisoner transport, due to the vulnerability of officers and subjects during that process, and to provide a documented account of that journey. This guidance will be published in October, and I share the relevant draft wording below:

"Recent national events and feedback from HM Coroner have identified vulnerability when transporting prisoners/subjects to custody centres or places of safety. All transporting and escorting officers should have their BWV activated during this journey as a record of that journey and any

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incidents that occurred within. Any decision made not to record a journey should be strongly justified on their camera prior to stopping recording.

This is to include any transport within vehicles that may have a separate camera system within them, such as caged vans, as there may be limitations to some of these systems, such as no audio and a short retention period that means footage may be auto deleted before its requirement is known. Forces should check who manages the data from these camera systems and how long footage is stored for, and ensure that between the use of BWV and in-vehicle solutions, that a journey is covered by both/either, and data can be accessed and processed efficiently."

I hope that the information that has been provided goes some way to reassure you that the matters of concern you have raised have been addressed and will be subject to continual review.

For any further information please contact my Staff Officer who will be happy to address any concerns and answer any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Chair, National Police Chiefs' Council