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Dear Mr Cooper,

18 December 2023

Frederick Powell deceased, 20 St Martin's Close, Blyton

This response is provided by Acis Group Limited ('AGL') in relation to the Regulation 28: Report to Prevent Future Deaths dated 24 October 2023 received from HM Assistant Coroner for Lincolnshire because of Frederick Powell deceased's death on the 6 September 2023, at the property known as 20 St Martin's Close, Blyton ('the property'), which is a general needs bungalow.

Frederick Powell deceased ('the resident') occupied the property as a tenant of AGL under an Assured Tenancy that commenced on 11 September 2006. The resident was 93 years of age at his death and had been a tenant with AGL since 1986, having occupied an alternative property also let by AGL, before his move into the property in 2006.

On 6 September 2023 the resident was the subject of a tragic incident which occurred when he fell through an internal door which contained non-toughened glazing, resulting in his subsequent death from his injuries.

AGL was advised by Lincolnshire Police that the resident had been discharged from hospital on 25 August 2023 where he had been receiving treatment for Plural Effusion query Mesothelioma and that the resident had various other ailments including frailty and dementia, the result of which was that the resident was reported to have been unstable on his feet. The resident had been sleeping in his recliner chair, which was situated in the living room of the property, as he had been awaiting a specialist bed to be delivered. AGL had not been informed of the resident's discharge from hospital and so at the time of the resident's death were unaware of the circumstances.

The Matter of Concern identified within the Coroner's Report was:

"Although it is not suggested current building regulations were breached the Inquest was told many more properties in your stock retained internal glass doors. Is it time for a review to reconsider replacement?"

Prior to receiving the Regulation 28 Report To Prevent Future Deaths from the Coroner, AGL had already been working proactively to address the concern later raised by the Coroner in relation to internal glazing on their housing stock, for example in 2020 AGL's Lettable Standard (the specification to which an empty property must meet prior to being re-let) was revised and included specific provision to replace or encapsulate single glazing prior to the re-letting of an empty property.

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