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Sent by email: [REDACTED]

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Dear Mr Bennett,

**RE: Prevention of Future Deaths Report dated 03/06/2024 relating to the death of Tchernobari.**

Thank you for sharing the Regulation 28 Report relating to the tragic death of Tchernobari on 26/09/2023. On behalf of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC), I would like to express my deepest condolences to Mr Bari's family for their loss.

Given the references to national organisations within your report, it may be helpful for me to provide some background on the role of the APCC and to emphasise the non-operational role our members fulfil in their local policing areas.

The APCC is the national membership body that supports Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners (PFCCs), Deputy Mayors and other local policing bodies in England and Wales to provide national leadership and drive strategic change across the policing, criminal justice, and wider community safety landscape, to keep communities safe. This role is partly evidenced by our decision, based on member feedback, to co-sign the National Partnership Agreement in July 2023, an agreement that supports the roll out of the Right Care, Right Person approach.

As a membership body, the APCC cannot mandate actions upon its members. However, our role does include the provision of advice and recommendations to inform our members' local activities, including the development of evidence-based guidance.

At a local policing level, PCCs are not responsible for making operational policing decisions, including the implementation of Right Care, Right Person, this is a decision for Chief Constables. Rather, PCCs are responsible for scrutinising their Chief Constables and holding them to account for the delivery of their duties. Additionally, PCCs have responsibilities to commission services, and where necessary, to bring partners together and work with them.

To reflect these key responsibilities, the APCC has developed guidance for members on the Right Care, Right Person approach. The guidance, which was launched in April 2024, strongly encourages PCC oversight of the planning and delivery of the Right Care, Right Person approach to ensure vulnerable people receive the right support from the right services.

The APCC guidance also advocates for PCCs to work closely with partners, including health and local authorities to develop robust implementation plans, and forums to discuss issues as they arise and to agree appropriate solutions. A copy of this guidance, which we keep under review with input from national health and policing partners, is available to read here -

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/media/9608/apcc-guidance-right-care-right-person-april-2024.pdf#/media/media/edit/31855>

With regard to operational learning arising from this Prevention of Future Deaths Report, we understand colleagues from the National Police Chiefs' Council are reviewing your correspondence to identify relevant national learning. The APCC meets regularly with these colleagues and will seek assurances that where appropriate any identified learning is shared with local areas. We also understand that West Midlands Police is closely considering the report in line with their operational activities to identify learning.

We hope this provides you with reassurance that the APCC and its members are prioritising effective scrutiny and oversight of the Right Care, Right Person approach, and we remain open to receiving important learning to keep local communities safe and support vulnerable people.

Yours sincerely,



**APCC Chief Executive**