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Mr James Bennett  
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By email: [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr Bennett,

Thank you for your correspondence enclosing a copy of the Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths, following the inquest into the death of Tchernobari, and for the extension of time to respond to you. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I was saddened to learn about the death of Mr Bari, and I would first like to express my deepest condolences to his family for their loss.

As you are aware, police forces are operationally independent and so it is for the National Police Chiefs' Council, the College of Policing and West Midlands Police to address the specific issues raised about their ways of working as they relate to the inquest into the death of Mr Bari, and I know they have written to you separately on this matter.

It may help if I outline the rationale and purpose of the National Partnership Agreement (NPA), as the Home Office was one of the signatories when it was published in July 2023.

The National Partnership Agreement was published following extensive engagement with partners, including from health and social care professional bodies, the College of Policing, the voluntary sector, and people with lived experience. The document sets out key principles of the policing approach called Right Care Right Person (RCRP) and its application to mental health-related incidents. The RCRP approach aims to reduce police time spent on mental health incidents and help ensure that the most appropriate agency attends, to provide the best possible service for those in need. Though the RCRP approach can be applied more broadly than cases relating to mental health, the National Partnership Agreement is focused on the interface between policing and mental health services, as one step towards implementing RCRP.

As Policing is operationally independent, each Chief Constable has to decide whether and when to implement Right Care Right Person and how much of the framework set out in the National Partnership Agreement and supporting guidance they wish to adopt.

The areas which Right Care Right Person covers are: concerns for welfare; responding to situations where voluntary patients leave acute and mental health healthcare facilities before treatment is complete; responding to cases where people are 'absent without leave' as set out in the Mental Health Act (1983); handovers between police and health following use of S136 of the Mental Health Act; and transportation of patients to or between

healthcare facilities. Missing Persons is not a part of this and existing police procedure regarding police involvement should continue to operate.

Thank you again for writing to me. We take the duty of care of vulnerable people seriously and continue to work to make improvements.

Yours sincerely,



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