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Email: [REDACTED]

Mr David Place

HM Assistant Coroner for the City of Sunderland

BY EMAIL ONLY: [REDACTED]

6th December 2024

Dear Mr Place,

Inquest touching upon the death of Mr John Hurst

I write further to the inquest in this matter which concluded on 11 October 2024, and to your Regulation 28 report dated 23 October 2024.

I note the concerns expressed in your report that the custody record contained limited information in relation to concerns for John's mental health made by the investigation team and John's sister.

I agree that it is important that custody officers record all relevant information and concerns expressed in relation to the mental health of a detainee. This is something which all custody officers should be aware of. In order to ensure that custody staff are aware of their obligations in this respect, following receipt of your report appropriate instruction and learning from this Inquest has been provided to custody staff via:

1. The Force Custody Newsletter;
2. The Force 'Custody Compendium' (easy access guidance for custody staff);
3. A reminder being shared directly with all departmental Custody Sergeants.

I hope the above action meets with your approval.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Chief Inspector [REDACTED]

Force Custody Manager

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