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Your Ref:

13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Kirsten Heaven MA  
HM Assistant Coroner for Swansea Neath Port Talbot  
Coroner's Office  
The Guildhall  
Swansea  
SA1 4PE

Dear Ms Heaven

**Re: Inquest of Naemat & Muhammed Esmael – your ref:**

I write in reply to your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 and attached Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths; my statutory response is as follows.

*With regard to the first MATTER OF CONCERN.*

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service support the notion that only mandating two smoke alarms in [domestic] accommodation means that there is a continuing risk to life from fire. The Service has previously raised this matter with the Welsh Government via the All Wales Community Risk Reduction Committee, where the Service proposed increasing smoke alarm coverage to the highest standard in all new build premises in Wales and would equally support this enhancement of provision in rented accommodation. This will require a change to existing legislation and/or Building Regulations guidance which can only be undertaken by the Welsh Government.

Action Proposed: Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service will support any proposals for legislative enhancement by the Welsh Government in regard of fire alarm coverage in domestic dwellings.

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*With regard to the second MATTER OF CONCERN.*

In fire cases involving fatalities or suspected criminality, the Police are the lead agency with primacy over the investigation. For incidents within its area, Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service will often support the Police with their investigation alongside Crime Scene Investigators and forensic scientists commissioned by the Police, as in this case.

A decision to remove items for laboratory testing is undertaken by the Senior Police Officer and any evidence subsequently seized is done under the authority offered by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE).

Action Proposed: I do not propose to take any action in relation to this MATTER OF CONCERN as primacy for scene management in cases such as this is a Police responsibility.

Your sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Name]

Chief Fire Officer

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