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Your ref: Paul Ian Taylor (Deceased)

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HM Assistant Coroner Hartley
Coroners Office
The Council House
Old Market Square
Nottingham
NG21 2DT

Dear Sir,

Re: Paul Ian Taylor (Deceased)

Thank you for your report dated 24 December 2024 in respect of Paul Ian Taylor pursuant to Regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013 and paragraph 7, Schedule 5 of the Coroner's and Justice Act 2009. I reply to the matters you have asked me to consider as follows;

When a suspect is arrested for offences requiring a referral to a mental health nurse, commonly referred to in Nottinghamshire as "Liaison and Diversion" the custody sergeant makes that referral automatically, which allows the opportunity for a suspect to obtain assistance from a healthcare professional, if they desire. In addition, there are welfare assessments conducted by the officer in charge of the investigation.

In cases where a suspect is interviewed on a voluntary basis for relevant offences, the suspect is not dealt with at a custody suite and a referral to a mental health nurse is not automatic. In this latter scenario, only welfare assessments are completed by the officer in charge of the investigation without any involvement from healthcare services.

A policy revision is being undertaken to ensure that the procedures for supporting and safeguarding suspects of relevant offences are consistent, irrespective of whether the individual has been arrested or invited for voluntary attendance. In both scenarios, suspects receive an officer welfare assessment together with an automatic referral to Liaison and Diversion (healthcare services). The amendment to the policy and communication to the organisation will be implemented by 1st March 2025.

Yours sincerely,


Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police