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Dear Ms Lee,

Response to Prevention of Future Deaths Report

I write on behalf of University of the Arts London in response to the Prevention of Future Deaths report dated 10 January 2025, related to the death of Joshua James David Forsdyke. My response summarises the actions we are taking in the operation of our halls of residence in respect of use and distribution of illegal drugs, with the aim of preventing future deaths. I am also submitting with this letter our detailed action plan.

We recognise the challenges created by the ease with which students can obtain illegal drugs in London, through access to suppliers who deal drugs in the neighbourhoods where our halls are located and in external social environments, as well as through postal delivery of illegal drugs purchased through the dark web.

We are committed to providing a safe, secure and supportive living environment for our students. The plan details actions we are taking to enhance prevention, identification, awareness, support, monitoring, and enforcement, working with key partners, including the police and safer neighbourhood teams, health promotion organisations, purpose-built student accommodation providers and our student community.

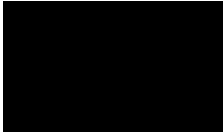
The key objectives of our action plan are to:

- **Reduce the availability of illegal drugs** in halls of residence by improving identification of drug dealing activity and delivery of drugs by parcel post and strengthening partnerships with the police and safer neighbourhood teams. We want to reassure students and deter drug dealers and drug use.
- **Raise awareness** of the risks associated with drug and alcohol use and reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol.
- **Enhance our monitoring, support and reporting systems** within our halls of residence to identify and act on drug dealing and to assist students at risk, providing support for students struggling with substance misuse.
- **Promote a culture of safety, security, responsibility and wellbeing** through clear policies, regular training for staff and our communication with students.

- **Extend our approach to active listening** by introducing questions about drugs and alcohol use in our Resident Satisfaction Survey, to better understand student concerns and take effective action based on their responses.

I believe this response and the attached action plan provides the information requested. If you require further details, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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