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Clare Bailey
Senior Coroner
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(by email)

Dear Ms Bailey

Regulation 28 Report: Dean Bradley

I write in response to the Regulation 28 report dated 28 May 2025 regarding the death of Dean Bradley in the Stockton area in October 2021, which highlighted concerns in relation to resources for safeguarding those with mental health illnesses whilst intoxicated and how a person who was suicidal, suffering with mental health concerns and intoxicated could be adequately safeguarded until sufficiently sober to allow a mental health assessment.

I can confirm that I raised these issues with the Independent Chair of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) following receipt of the Regulation 28 Report, and the matters of concern were subsequently discussed at a meeting of the Board on 11 June 2025.

Following that discussion I can confirm that, while there is not a 'Crisis Café' provided within the Tees area, such a provision would not have been appropriate for an individual presenting as Mr Bradley did. The appropriate place for him to have been supported at the time of the incident in 2021 was the assessment suite at Roseberry Park which is designated as a place of safety under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act, and this remains the case at the present time. This service is provided by Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and their policy relating to Section 136 (which is available on their website and is attached for reference) clearly identifies that this provision is appropriate for an individual who is intoxicated but not presenting with immediate physical health risks. If there are immediate risks to physical health, the appropriate place of safety would be a hospital emergency department.

There is a Multi Agency Mental Health Legislation Operational Group where this policy and related issues are shared and, through this route, consideration will be given to whether there is a need for further education and awareness raising within Cleveland Police regarding the use of Section 136 powers to safeguard an individual requiring mental health assessment.

I will take this opportunity to recirculate the Section 136 Policy to relevant staff within Adult Social Care in Hartlepool Borough Council, and to make them aware of the concerns identified through Mr Bradley's inquest.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director of Adult and Community Based Services

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