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Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration

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Claire Bailey
Senior Coroner
Teesside & Hartlepool Coroners Service
By email

18th July 2020

Dear Ms Bailey

Re: Regulation 28 Report : Dean Bradley

I am writing in regard to the above report dated 28 May 2025, concerning the death of Dean Bradley within the Stockton area on 15th October 2021. The report highlighted concerns in relation to current resources for safeguarding those with mental health illness whilst intoxicated, and furthermore how an individual whom is intoxicated with a mental illness and exhibiting suicidal tendencies is safeguarded until the appropriate time to undertake a mental health assessment.

This enquiry has been discussed at strategic board level within the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) on the 11th June 2025.

The conclusion from these multi-agency discussions identified, that whilst within the Tees area we do not currently have a "crisis café", we do have some designated safe spaces, however in the circumstances outlined these would not be an appropriate response.

It was agreed that the most appropriate action at the time of the incident, and also relevant now, would have been a presentation to the assessment suite at Roseberry Park, which is a designated place of safety under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act. I understand my colleague from Hartlepool Council has sent through the relevant policy guidance in regard to this provision.

The service is provided by Tees Esk & Wear Valley Trust, and confirmation has been sought that this provision is appropriate for an individual who is intoxicated but not presenting with any immediate physical health concerns.

Therefore in light of the report received I can confirm that this has been discussed at the Teeswide Safeguarding Board which concluded local provision is in place, I furthermore also commit to ensuring my own mental health service received refreshed communication with regard to section 136 guidance, and the circumstances relating to the Regulation 28 report. This will be actioned with immediate effect. In addition this will also be flagged within the Multi-Agency Mental Health Legislation

Operational Group to determine the need for further awareness and training roll out among our wider partners.

Yours sincerely

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