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Dear Ms Bailey,

### **Regulation 28 Report: Dean Bradley**

I write on behalf of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council in response to the Regulation 28 report dated 28 May 2025 regarding the death of Dean Bradley in the Stockton area in October 2021. This 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.

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

Following that discussion there was an agreed view 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 Crisis Assessment Suite at Roseberry Park which is designated as a place of safety for Police to use 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 clearly identifies that this provision is appropriate for an individual who is intoxicated but not presenting with immediate physical health risks. An alternative if the individual was incapacitated, would be the Hospital Emergency Department, however in Mr Bradley's case the Crisis Assessment Suite would have been most appropriate.

A Multi Agency Mental Health Legislation Operational Group meeting was held on the 11th of July where this policy and related issues were discussed. Cleveland Police was present at this meeting and will continue to raise awareness with Police colleagues regarding the use of Section 136 powers to safeguard an individual requiring mental health assessment.

The Council will take this opportunity to recirculate the Section 136 Policy to relevant staff within Adult Social Care in Redcar & Cleveland Adult Social Care and to make them aware of the concerns identified through Mr Bradley's inquest. We will commence this process immediately.

I trust that this response meets your requirements but please let me know if you require any further information or clarification of the points set out above.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director, Adults & Communities