



Department
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22nd October 2025

Dear Ms Loxton,

Thank you for the Regulation 28 report of 9th July 2025 sent to the Secretary of State / the Department of Health and Social Care about the death of Andrew Nathan Paul Kenward. I am replying as the Minister with responsibility for Mental Health.

Firstly, I would like to say how saddened I was to read of the circumstances of Mr Kenward death, and I offer my sincere condolences to their family and loved ones. The circumstances your report describes are concerning and I am grateful to you for bringing these matters to my attention.

The report raises concerns over the fact that Mr Kenward was able to buy large amounts of sodium nitrite. Officials within the Department of Health and Social Care have considered these concerns and concluded that the responsibility for these concerns sits within another organisation. I understand that this report was also made to the Home Office, and I hope that their response will be helpful.

Thank you for bringing these concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely,



