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Inner North London
St Pancras Coroner's Court
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The London Fire Commissioner is the
fire and rescue authority for London

Date 5th July 2024

By email only to: [REDACTED]

Dear Senior Coroner

Response to Regulation 28: Prevention of Future Deaths Report - Leonard David MOAVEN (died 26.07.23)

I write in response to the Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths ['PFD report'] dated 18th January 2024, which you issued following the inquest touching the death of Leonard David Moaven.

As HM Coroner will know, the London Fire Brigade ['LFB'] was (1) not recognised as an Interested Person in these proceedings and (2) unaware of the inquest taking place.

Set out below are actions taken by LFB in relation to concerns raised in your PFD report. These do not take account of the material you may have heard during the course of the inquest touching Dr Moaven's death.

On 26th July 2023, the LFB incident commander in attendance at [REDACTED] London conducted an assessment of the risks associated with Dr Moaven's location on the roof of the premises. The incident commander judged it unsafe to commit crews to the roof in view of its physical layout and the non-compliant nature of Dr Moaven. Additionally in relation to persons threatening to jump from height, in July 2023 National Operational Guidance on such incidents, as incorporated in LFB policy, did not permit crews to be drawn into negotiating with the individual or attempt any sort of 'snatch' rescue of that person.

There are currently significant ongoing developments in respect of guidance to emergency service workers for dealing with persons in crisis – i.e. persons threatening or considering suicide. This includes guidance to firefighters and other first responders on approaching and actively engaging with persons in crisis - whether they are compliant or non-compliant about returning to a place of safety .

LFB is fully committed to incorporating the new guidance on dealing with persons in crisis in its policies. The Brigade will revise its training to firefighters in using the new approach to dealing with such persons.

I hope this response provides you with the necessary assurance that LFB is working to address the matters raised in your report.

Yours sincerely



London Fire Commissioner