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Dear Ms Albon,

I am writing to you in relation to the Prevention of Future Deaths report issued by HM Assistant Coroner for Coventry and Warwickshire, Linda Lee, about the death of Jacqueline Mary Langworthy.

The incident that led to Ms Langworthy's death is most concerning. While the matters of concern raised by the Coroner do not fall within the responsibilities of the Department of Health and Social Care, I nonetheless share the Coroner's concern that future deaths in similar tragic circumstances are prevented.

I have seen the HSE's comprehensive response to the Coroner and appreciate the responsibilities of employers to ensure there is robust assessment and mitigation of risks, as well as suitable instruction, training and supervision of staff operating work equipment. I also welcome the steps taken to raise awareness within local authorities and the healthcare sector of the risks associated with this case.

I am writing to both share my concern and to ask that the HSE monitor for any similar incidents and keep under review whether any further action may be necessary.

I am copying this letter to HM Assistant Coroner, Linda Lee, and the Minister for Social Security and Disability, Stephen Timms MP.

Yours sincerely,

  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CARE