



# WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

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Dear Assistant Coroner Keighley,

## **Regulation 28 report relating to the death of Ann Laskowsky**

Thank you for your report dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in respect of the death of Ann Laskowsky.

I am aware that you will share my response with Miss Laskowsky's family, and I firstly wish to express my sincere condolences to them.

In providing this response I have consulted with our Learning and Organisational Development team (L&OD) who deliver First Aid Learning Programme for the force. I am aware L&OD have consulted with College of Policing directly in relation to this report. I am also aware the Partner Triage Line has been directly discussed with Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) as part of our continued working partnership.

This report and the case itself have been discussed at our Organisational Learning Board to ensure that wider stakeholders across the force understand the concerns, implications and jointly assess how West Yorkshire Police continuously improve our service to the public.

Having carefully considered your report, I will respond to each area of concern raised.

## **The adequacy of First Aid Training provided by West Yorkshire Police**

L&OD met with colleagues from the College of Policing and provided an outline of the training delivery for the First Aid Learning Programme including materials and lesson plans, with specific reference to the areas of concern raised. I understand that College of Policing have written to you personally in response to outline:

- Forces licensed under the First Aid Learning Programme (FALP) are subject to compliance auditing via the Police Service Quality Assurance (PSQA) platform.
- West Yorkshire Police submitted a full audit in September/October 2022, followed by an interim submission in October 2024.
- The force has provided evidence demonstrating compliance with FALP requirements, and its next full audit is scheduled for October 2026.

Whilst the training provided by WYP is fully compliant with College of Policing requirements, the force has taken the additional steps set out below to address the 2 concerns that you have raised.

The First Aid Trainers now teach Officers that when they are looking for a response using AVPU (Alert, Voice, Pain, Unresponsive) that if they are unable to obtain a 'suitable response' from the casualty using Voice or to Pain then the casualty is unresponsive, and they should call for an ambulance.

Trainers now invite Officers to question and discuss “what is a suitable response”. A scenario based on a person who appears to be asleep who the Officers are unable to wake up will be used to invite discussion between the Trainer and the Officers to support effective decision making. Officers will now be taught that if someone is asleep and they are unable to wake them using painful stimuli and they do not respond to their voice then this is not normal, and an ambulance should be called.

Trainers now teach Officers to be aware of involuntary movements of limbs, head or face and that these are not to be mistaken for a suitable response. The Trainer now emphasises the need to call for an ambulance.

Officers continue to be taught if the casualty is not responsive and the Officers have requested an ambulance; they need to check to see if the casualty is breathing and that they should do this by placing the casualty on their back and open the airway by tilting the head back and lifting the chin. Officers continue to be taught that to check for normal breathing they must look down at the chest to see if this is rising and falling and to check for normal/regular breathing by looking, listening, and feeling for a full ten seconds. Anything abnormal such as gasping, wheezing, agonal breathing (irregular, gasping or laboured), shallow breathing, then the casualty is not breathing normally.

To assess your concerns about the assessment of whether a person is breathing normally, the Trainers will now include a discussion and clarification and confirmation of 12-20 breaths per minute (they should be taking a minimum of 2 breaths in 10 seconds). If it appears as though they are in distress or it is taking visible effort to breath, this is not normal breathing.

The above will be put into practice by using acting casualties who are found in a variety of positions such as face up on the floor, face down on the floor and, also in a sitting position.

Finally, Trainers will remind officers whilst on their First Aid Training Courses (including yearly refresher courses) that they can utilise the YAS Partner Triage Line if they need advice from a clinically trained practitioner.

### **The knowledge, use and training in respect of available resources (specifically YAS Partner Triage Line)**

The YAS Partner Triage Line is one option that Officers can utilise to obtain advice to help to assess a situation or a person's condition with a clinically trained practitioner. Other options include medical/healthcare advice, alongside other partnership professional phonelines including NHS 111, local authority and mental health services. It is important that Officers continue to use the National Decision-Making Model to assess the situation they are faced with to guide their decision making in taking the most appropriate action.

The YAS Partner Triage Line was launched to WYP on 18th January 2021 and was communicated to all staff through force wide messages, briefings and an online learning package.

Staff are reminded about the YAS Partner Triage Line by the Corporate Communications Team each year and I can confirm that demand data obtained from YAS demonstrates that WYP continue to use this service every month.

Following the conclusion of the inquest into Ann's death an intranet briefing has been posted to remind everyone of the facility and details of the facility have been included in operational briefings and training and guidance material has been updated to include reference to the Parter Triage Line, which all members have the force have access to via the force intranet. The Right Care Right Person team have been tasked with monitoring the usage of the facility as part of our partnership work with YAS.

As set out above, the First Aid Trainers will also remind all officers when they attend their annual first aid training of the YAS Partner Triage Line.

Thank you for bringing these important issues to my attention. I trust that this response provides assurance that action has been taken to address your concerns, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,



**Assistant Chief Constable  
West Yorkshire Police**