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Joanne Kearsley
Senior Coroner for the Coroner area of Manchester North

Cc: Andy Marsh, College of Policing

17 November 2025

Dear Ms Kearsley

RE: Regulation 28 Death of Katie Janette Overd

I am writing in response to your email on 31 October regarding the Regulation 28 letter into the death of Katie Janette Overd.

I have given further thought to your comment that NWS would not have had powers of entry on arrival at the property and hence that if NWS attended they would have had to call GMFRS.

I have followed this up both with the Chief Fire Officer and senior officers in GMP and you are right that this would be the case. This would likely have been different prior to Right Care: Right Person when GMP would have likely forced entry to the property on attendance, though officers may not have been able to deal with the medical needs that presented, and would have asked for NWS attendance in that case.

I therefore wanted to let you know that I will give further thought to this with the relevant agencies. For a number of reasons, we are not sure that a public message that might lead to a family calling a locksmith is the best response and so we wish to take the time to consider the various options that will best meet the needs of the public. I will be happy to share our thinking with you in due course if you wish.

I hope that's helpful and thank you again for raising this with me.

Yours sincerely

Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester

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