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Dear Mr Buckett,

**REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS: MR MUJAHID ADAM**

Thank you for your Regulation 28 report of 3 March 2026 following the inquest into the death of Mujahid Adam at HMP Pentonville on 21 March 2025. I am providing the response on behalf of His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS).

I know that you will share a copy of this response with Mr Adam's family, and I would first like to express my condolences for their loss. Every death in custody is a tragedy and the safety of those in our care is my absolute priority.

You have raised concerns regarding the delivery of observations as part of the Assessment, Care in Custody, Teamwork (ACCT) document, the definition of an observation and the condition of constant supervision cells at HMP Pentonville.

All newly recruited prison officers receive a full day of training on suicide and self-harm prevention as part of their initial prison officer training, which includes modules on the ACCT process. During this training, staff are taught that observations are checks to ensure the welfare of the individual and that they must satisfy themselves that an individual is safe when conducting them. Officers are also advised that they must adhere to the frequency of observations set by the ACCT case review team for prisoners at risk of suicide and self-harm.

To ensure staff's continuous understanding, HMP Pentonville is re-introducing the "Pentonville Speed School", which is an initiative that provides staff with bitesize training sessions in key subject areas. The local safety team will work in conjunction with the school

to deliver training on self-harm and suicide prevention measures to officers, including what constitutes an observation and how to perform one.

Prisoners may require more frequent observations depending on their level of risk, which can be labour intensive for staff. As you have noted, staff do not carry the ACCT document with them when conducting an observation. This is to mitigate the risk of other prisoners becoming privy to sensitive information about the individual being supported. It is also impractical for a member of staff to carry a large document whilst conducting their duties as it would restrict their ability to respond effectively to any emerging incidents. Due to this, the documenting of observations cannot be contemporaneous and must be completed after the event. Staff are required to complete these observations and record them either immediately or as soon as practicable afterwards, alongside their other duties. HMPPS recognises that there may be occasions when this is not feasible; in such circumstances, prisons may make local decisions regarding staffing on the wing to ensure staff feel able to record the required observations.

In response to concerns about the condition of constant supervision cells at HMP Pentonville, I can confirm that a bid has been submitted to upgrade these cells to ligature resistant specifications. This work will address any disrepair and reduce opportunities for prisoners to use the fabric of the accommodation to ligature. In addition, staff at HMP Pentonville have been reminded of their responsibility to complete daily accommodation fabric checks. These are physical checks of all prisoner living areas, including cells, to ensure that the area is clean, decent and fit for purpose. They are also valuable opportunities for staff to identify anything that raises suspicion, including items that can be used to ligature. The Duty Governor is required to ensure that the accommodation fabric check book has been signed before staff leave the establishment and to take appropriate action where necessary.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention. I trust that this response provides assurance that action is being taken to address this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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