



Department
of Health &
Social Care


*Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for
Women's Health and Mental Health*

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HM Coroner Edward Steele
East Riding & Hull


20 July 2026

Dear Mr Steele,

Thank you for the Regulation 28 report of 26 June 2026 about the death of David Charles Spencer Clairmonte. I am replying as the Minister with responsibility for system commissioning and provider oversight, including health and justice.

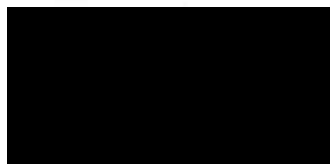
Firstly, I would like to say how saddened I was to read of the circumstances of Mr Clairmonte's death, and I offer my sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. The circumstances your report describes are concerning and I am grateful to you for bringing these matters to my attention.

The report raises concerns about the availability of high-secure placements for those with personality disorders who require specialist care.

In considering your report, officials within the Department of Health and Social Care have made enquiries with NHS England and concluded that these concerns are more appropriately addressed by NHS England directly. I am advised that NHS England will therefore provide you with a full and comprehensive response on the concerns you have raised.

I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,




**PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
WOMEN'S HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH**