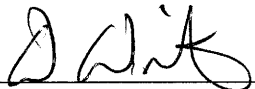




**Derek Winter**  
**Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland**

	<p><b>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</b></p> <p><b>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Mr Ted Smith</b> <b>Chief Executive Officer</b> <b>European Care Group</b> <b>Two Parklands Business Park</b> <b>Birmingham Great Park</b> <b>Rubery</b> <b>West Midlands, B45 9PZ</b></p>
1	<p><b>CORONER</b></p> <p>I am Derek Winter, Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland</p>
2	<p><b>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</b></p> <p>I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013. <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7</a> <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</a></p>
3	<p><b>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</b></p> <p>On 21/03/2013 I commenced an investigation into the death of Peter Pattinson aged 71. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 05/09/2013. The conclusion of the inquest was: - 'Natural Causes'; medical cause of death being: - Ia Bilateral Pneumonia II Congestive Cardiac Failure; Chronic Renal Failure; Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease</p>
4	<p><b>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</b></p> <p>Mr Pattinson who had complex medical needs was hospitalised from the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012 until 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013 when he was discharged to Cedar Court Care Centre, Portland Avenue, Seaham SR7 8BT. However he was readmitted to hospital on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 after he had fallen from his bed at Cedar Court Care Centre. Despite on-going care at the hospital he died on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013.</p>
5	<p><b>CORONER'S CONCERNS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The concerns expressed by the family and their requests for Mr Pattinson's bed rails to be raised were not acted upon or documented, and were not subject to a risk assessment.</li><li>2. The repair to the bed rails of Mr Pattinson's bed was not actioned in a timely way.</li><li>3. There were missing daily statements from the file (27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 18:00 hrs to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012 18:30 hrs)</li><li>4. The daily statements that were provided were not paginated sequentially.</li></ol>

6	<p><b>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</b></p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you or your organisation have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p><b>YOUR RESPONSE</b></p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013. I, the coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p>
8	<p><b>COPIES and PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family</li> <li>- Cedar Court Care Centre</li> <li>- Care Quality Commission</li> <li>- City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust</li> <li>- Regulation 28 Archivist for Coroner Society of England and Wales</li> </ul> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>
9	<p>Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013</p> <p>Signature </p> <p>Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland</p>