



	<p><b>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</b></p> <p><b>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</b></p> <p>1. Mr Jim Graham, Chief Executive, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4SA</p>
1	<p><b>CORONER</b></p> <p>I am <b>David Andrew Clark</b>, Assistant Coroner for the Coroner area of Warwickshire.</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.</p>
3	<p><b>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</b></p> <p>On 4 September 2012, I commenced an investigation into the death of Sean Andrew Morley, aged 20. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 14 March 2014. The conclusion of the inquest was that Sean died as the result of an accident. The medical cause of death was 1a. Multiple injuries including Severe Closed Head Injury.</p>
4	<p><b>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</b></p> <p>Sean was crossing the A444 Bedworth By-pass on foot between 3am and 4am on 2 September 2012 when he was struck by a motor vehicle, the driver of which did not remain at the scene.</p>
5	<p><b><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></b></p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.</p> <p>The <b>MATTERS OF CONCERN</b> are as follows. –</p> <p>(1) I heard evidence that the stretch of the A444 where Sean died is regularly used by pedestrians and cyclists, who walk or ride on the grass verge at the side of the carriageway or on the edge of the carriageway itself.</p> <p>(2) Since Sean's death, there has been a further incident on the same stretch of road where a pedestrian was struck by a car. Fortunately, the injuries were not fatal.</p> <p>(3) There are no signs warning pedestrians or cyclists of the dangers of using the road. There are no street lights. The speed limit on the road is 70mph. There is no barrier or other protective features between the vehicular traffic and pedestrians.</p> <p>(4) These factors strongly suggest that there is a risk of further fatal collisions between vehicles and other road users.</p>
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 have the power to take such action. In your response to this report, I invite you to comment on any immediate action which you propose to take to raise awareness of the risks to non-vehicular road users, as well as longer-term 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 19 May 2014. 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> <p>██████████ (Sean's mother and step-father)</p> <p>I have also sent it to Detective Inspector ██████████ Warwickshire Police, and ██████████ Assistant to Mr Dan Byles MP (North Warwickshire and Bedworth), who may find it useful or of interest.</p> <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>				
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