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REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>██████████ Regional Director Highways Agency Lateral 8 City Walk Leeds LS11 9AT</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Tony Brown, senior coroner, for the coroner area of North Northumberland</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</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>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 31st October 2013 I commenced an investigation into the death of Samuel Eric Shaw, age 70 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 21st February 2014. The conclusion of the inquest was that Samuel Eric Shaw died as a result of an accident, the medical cause of death being:-</p> <p>1a Multiple Injuries</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Samuel Eric Shaw and his partner Janet Cowan were staying at Haggerston, Beal, Northumberland. On 29.10.13 Mr Shaw had travelled with ██████████ by bus to Morpeth and Alnwick before returning to Haggerston at approximately 6.45 p.m. On getting off the bus both Mr Shaw and ██████████ began to cross the single carriageway section of the A1 to the centre of the road when Mr Shaw was struck by an ambulance travelling southbound. Eric suffered multiple injuries due to the impact of that collision and his death was pronounced at the scene by paramedics at 7.04 p.m.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In</p>

	<p>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 MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. –</p> <p>At Haggerston Holiday Park, adjoining the east side of the A1 trunk road there are hundreds of caravans located and several hundreds of people come to stay and visit regularly. Access from public transport is by buses which also stop at various towns and villages along the A1 Trunk road. The road is the main strategic highway route between Scotland and England. The speed limit at Haggerston is 60 miles per hour and those travelling north on buses have to set down on the west side and cross both lanes of the A1 Trunk road traffic, through an unlit area to reach Haggerston. The visibility of pedestrians on the road for drivers travelling at up to 60 mph is restricted because of the need to use dipped headlights. There is no warning sign for motorists travelling south to alert drivers of pedestrians crossing the road. There is no central refuge for pedestrians crossing the road at the crossing point.</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you and/or your organisation have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 26th April 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>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons, [REDACTED] Executive Director of Place, Northumberland County Council, The Clerk to Ancroft Parish Council, Managing Director Bourne Leisure Group, General Manager, Arriva plc, [REDACTED] Bridge McFarland, solicitors. I have also sent it North East Ambulance Service 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>
9	<p>DATE 26th February 2014</p> <p>TONY BROWN HM Senior Coroner for North Northumberland</p>