

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

*NOTE: This form is to be used **after** an inquest.*

	REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Chief Executive – Whitefriars Housing
1	CORONER I am S McGovern, Senior Coroner, for the coroner area of Coventry
2	CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS 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.
3	INVESTIGATION and INQUEST I opened an investigation on 13 January 2014 into the death of Amanda Richards, late of 5 Kildare Close, Coventry. I concluded the inquest on 24 April 2014 and returned a conclusion that her death was accidental.
4	CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH Ms Richards suffered from Peri-ventricular Leckomalacia and was a wheelchair user. She had live-in carers 22 hours per day. On 3 rd December 2013 it seems she dropped a cigarette and died in the subsequent fire. The fire occurred while she was alone.
5	<u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u> 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. The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. – I heard from Fire Investigation Officer Holder that the provision of a domestic sprinkler system would have made the death far less likely. I accept that the provision of such a system throughout your housing stock would be prohibitively expensive but I ask you to consider such provision in special accommodation such as Ms Richards.
6	ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action.
7	YOUR RESPONSE

	<p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 7th July 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 (a) [REDACTED] (mother)</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>12th May 2014 Senior Coroner S McGovern</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>