

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

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

	<p>THIS REPORT is being sent to:</p> <p>Ms Pauline PHILIP Chief Executive L & D University Hospital Lewsey Road Luton LU4 4DZ</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Mr Tom OSBORNE, Senior Coroner for the Coroner Area of Bedfordshire and Luton.</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. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On the 30th of October 2013 I commenced an Investigation into the death of Essa SHAH aged 8 weeks. The Investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on 21st May 2014 at which I recorded an 'Open Conclusion', the medical cause of death being :</p> <p>I (a) Unascertained (Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy)</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Essa Shah was eight weeks old when he went to sleep in the same bed as his mother on 17th October 2013 following a feed. Mother and father were smokers. He was later found unresponsive.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of the Inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise</p>

	<p>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 MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the literature, setting out the dangers of co-sleeping which the hospital hand to new mothers being discharged, is only available in the English Language.
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you, as the Chief Executive of the Luton & Dunstable University Hospital, 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 28th 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</p> <p>the Chief Coroner</p> <p>and to the following Interested Person(s):</p> <p>The Family Secretary of State for Health</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 Dated this 2nd day of June 2014

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Tom OSBORNE
Senior Coroner
Bedfordshire & Luton