REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: 1. A-one+ **Cleveland Police Roads Policing Unit** CORONER I am Clare Bailey, acting senior coroner, for the coroner area of Teesside 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. **INVESTIGATION and INQUEST** On 10th May 2012 I commenced an investigation into the death of Jerome Antoine Marie GONNET, age 53 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 28th August 2014. The conclusion of the inquest was ACCIDENTAL DEATH. The medical cause of death was la Multiple Injuries. **CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH** On the 2nd May 2012 a female drove the wrong way along the A66 eastbound carriageway near Long Newton, Stockton on Tees. She collided head on with the car in which the deceased was a passenger. **CORONER'S CONCERNS** 5 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. -(1) It is unclear in advance of approaching the junction that the slip road upon which the female drove is 'no entry' slip road. There is no information in this regard on the road signs surrounding the junction. (2) At present there are temporary large 'no entry' signs at the exit of the slip road junction which have, on occasions, been knocked over and subsequently rendered unnoticeable. (3) It has been brought to the Coroners attention that since Mr Gonnet's passing a further two drivers have driven down the exit slip road, in the same manner as the female driver who caused Mr Gonnet's passing.

6	ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
	In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you and your organisation have the power to take such action.
7	YOUR RESPONSE
	You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 17 th November 2014. I, the coroner, may extend the period.
	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.
8	COPIES and PUBLICATION
	I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons and Cleveland Police Roads Policing Unit.
	I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.
	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.
9	22 nd September 2014 C Bailey, Acting Senior Coroner