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Dear Mr Rebello

Thank you for your Regulation 28 report dated 17 December 2104 addressed to the Secretary of State for Justice and to Michael Spurr, Chief Executive of the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) concerning the recent inquest into the death of Connor Smith on 2 January 2103. Your letter has been passed to the Equality, Rights and Decency Group in NOMS as we have responsibility for policy on suicide prevention and self harm management and for sharing learning from deaths in custody.

I understand that your concern relates to the quality of the investigation by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman. However in raising that concern you have drawn attention to the fact that a member of staff was recorded as having attended a meeting at which he was not present, and I would like to provide reassurance that this issue has been addressed by the Director of HMP Altcourse. A notice has been issued to all senior managers who chair Segregation Review Boards advising them that the documentation for completion at the meeting must not have names entered in advance and that it is their responsibility to check that attendance at the meeting is correctly recorded.

I hope that you find this information helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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