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Date: 27 March 2015

Dear Madam,

RE – Mr Darren Wright
Regulation 28 report to prevent future deaths

I refer to the above regulation 28 report which was sent to me regarding the matter of concern surrounding CPR training.

The Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations' 1981, require employers to:

- Ensure there is adequate and appropriate equipment and facilities to provide first-aid to employees who become injured or ill at work;
- Ensure that there are a sufficient number of "suitable persons" able to administer first-aid if employees become injured or ill at work.

This is the current legislation in which NOMS and the wider Prison Service operate in, and at the time of Mr. Wright's unfortunate death.

Those in charge of NOMS premises are required to carry out a risk assessment of the first aid needs for their prison. HMP/YOI Norwich has such an assessment in place which takes into account:

- The number of staff;
- The number of prisoners;
- Workplace hazards and risks;
- The size and distribution of the workforce;
- Risks posed by additional activities carried out on site such as workshops etc;

- The shift patterns operating in the establishment including night state and weekends;
- The risk of suicide or self-harm by prisoners.

Such an assessment was in place in 2013.

The regulations give general guidance on the number of first aiders that may be required in workplaces. HMP/YOI Norwich operates within the existing advice which is one first aid at work trained per 50 staff.

In addition to this, all our permanent night staff are trained to ensure adequate cover on nights and weekends.

At this present time there is no requirement in the First Aid Regulations or Guidance to provide AEDS in the workplace, therefore we do not provide defibrillator training to staff.

It simply isn't reasonably practicable to train all of our Prison Service staff and keep them in date.

I would also like to point out that Norwich Prison has a very significant Healthcare team, providing 24 hour healthcare cover within the Prison. This puts us in a position that professional nursing staff are able to attend any serious incident very quickly at any time of the day or night.

I would be very grateful if you would consider our current position and advise me further.

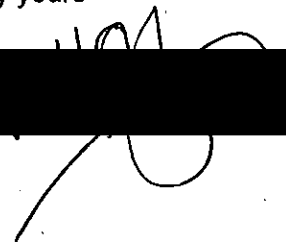

I fully appreciate how busy you are and the huge challenges of your role and the very difficult situations you are asked to make decisions on.

I am therefore very grateful that you have been able to find the time to visit the prison in the near future. You will be a very welcome guest and we will be very interested to hear your thoughts and observations following a look around.

I hope that this assures you of HMP/YOI Norwich's commitment to ensure the health, safety and welfare of prisoners in our care and to prevent future deaths.

On this and any other matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours



Governor