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Our Ref: 150207113

Dear Mr Singleton,

RE: Regulation 28 report to prevent future deaths – Richard Jones

Thank you for your letter of 20 February to [REDACTED] regarding the unfortunate circumstances of Mr Jones' death. I have been asked to reply on his behalf.

Public Health England (PHE)'s role in mental health is to help the public health system achieve 'public health parity' for mental health. An example of how we assist local authorities is the National Mental Health Dementia and Neurology Intelligence Network (NMHDNIN); they help commissioners, policy makers and clinicians collate information and data on three pathways through health services that affect millions of people in England. This information is also available to the public, service users and their families.

I am aware you have also written to the Department of Health (DH), and I understand that DH, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and NHS England (NHSE) work closely together to ensure that service personnel receive the right health services. These organisations are also aware of the need for effective patient note transfer between the MoD and the NHS.

I also understand that DH is in discussion with MoD to secure commitment to the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat, and it is expected that MoD commitment to the Concordat will be in place by the end of April 2015.

DH will continue their discussions with MoD and NHSE on this issue and these discussions will address the specific concerns you have raised in your report. Unfortunately, PHE are not in a position to advise on this matter further.

Finally, I have been advised that the mental health providers named in your report are expected to provide comment on the detail of this particular case and to address your concerns from their local perspective.

Yours sincerely,

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[Redacted name]

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