



THOMAS R. OSBORNE
Senior Coroner for Bedfordshire and Luton

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

	<p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>Mr Richard Carr The Chief Executive Central Bedfordshire Council Priory House Monks Walk Chicksands SG17 5TQ</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Thomas R. Osborne, Senior Coroner for 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.</p> <p>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 20th January 2015 I commenced an Investigation into the death of Margaret Emily FLEMMING, aged 90 . The Investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on 21st January 2015. The Conclusion of the inquest was 'Natural Causes'. She had died from:</p> <p>I(a) Bronchopneumonia</p> <p>II End Stage Senile Dementia</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>The deceased had been a resident at the Care Home since 2009. Due to her dementia she was placed on a Deprivation of Liberty Authorisation in October 2014. Over the weekend of 17th and 18th January 2015 she was seen by a Doctor</p>

	<p>and prescribed antibiotics. She died peacefully at the care home the following day.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>CORONER'S CONCERNS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An urgent Request for a Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding Authorisation was placed with Central Bedfordshire Council on 8th October 2014 and yet the Best Interests Assessment did not take place until 7th January 2015. The deceased remained vulnerable throughout this period. 2. The Local Authority were aware for a long period of time that the deceased had become confused and required urgent assessment.
<p>6</p>	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action.</p>
<p>7</p>	<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 26th March 2015. 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>
<p>8</p>	<p>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the family of Mrs Flemming.</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</p>

Coroner, at the time of your Response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.

Dated 29th January 2015

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THOMAS R. OSBORNE
Senior Coroner
for Bedfordshire and Luton