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REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

NOTE: This form is to be used after an inquest.

	REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS
	THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:
	1. Director of Pharmacovigilance MHRA,
	151 Buckingham Palace Road, Victoria, London, SW1W 4SZ
1	CORONER
	I am ARW Forrest, Senior Coroner for the Coroner's area of South Lincolnshire.
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.
3	INVESTIGATION and INQUEST
	On 9 th March 2015 I commenced an investigation into the death of Andre Roderick
	Stewart MICKLEY, age 36 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest
	on 17 th June 2015. The conclusion of the inquest was Narrative Conclusion.
4	CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH
	Andre was a long term multiple drug user who had used Methadone, Cocaine,
	Diazepam, Heroin and Pregabalin for several years without major ill effects. On
	the morning of 17 th February 2015 he used heroin and cocaine. He collapsed
	shortly thereafter, suffering a massive subarachnoid haemorrhage. Despite
	neurosurgical intervention, he died on 23 rd February 2015. A few days before his
	collapse he had been prescribed Citalopram and this drug and its metabolites
	were present in hospital admission blood samples, together with Cocaine,
	Methadone and Heroin metabolites.
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5 CORONER'S CONCERNS

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. -

There are clear potentially adverse Pharmacokinetic interactions between Cocaine and the SSRI group of drugs, as well as case reports.
(e.g. FU K.et al.). Journal of Analytical Toxicology. 24C7):648-50, 2000).
In general, the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) and the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) do not suggest prescribers seek a history of substance misuse or patients exert caution and seek advice before prescribing or using medicines that have the potential to interact adversely with drugs of misuse.
This includes adverse interactions other than just those between SSRI and cocaine

6 ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN

In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you and/or 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 13th August 2015. 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:

1. Andre's partner,

I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.



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	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	17 th June 2015 ARW Forrest H M Senior Coroner for South Lincolnshire