

D. Pritchard Jones Senior Coroner for North West Wales

	REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS
	THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE, GWYNEDD COUNCIL, SHIREHALL STREET, CAERNARFON, GWYNEDD, LL55 1SH
1	CORONER
	I am D. Pritchard Jones, Senior Coroner for North West Wales
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 21 ST October 2015 I conducted an Inquest into the death of Alexander Stuart Hadley (born 14/9/1993) of Tyn y Fawnog, Dinorwic, Gwynedd and Steffan Robert Vernon (born 20/10/1981) of which revealed matters that cause me concern.
4	CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH On 5 th June 2015 Steffan Robert Vernon and Alexander Stuart Hadley went swimming in a pool below the waterfall at Llanberis where they drowned because of the downward current caused by the waterfall, the coldness of the water and other matters that are not relevant to this referral.
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
	(1) The two deceased men were unaware of the dangerous currents in the pool directly below the waterfall and the evidence indicated that other people were also unaware of the dangers. As the waterfall is in close proximity to the village of Llanberis and is easily accessible other people could die in identical circumstances and I am therefore of the opinion that a sign should be erected to warn people of the dangerous characteristics of the waterfall pool.

6	ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
	In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you 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 10 th January 2016. 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
	I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.
	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	Dated 11 November 2015 Signature
	Senior Coroner for North West Wales