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Dear Dr Earland

**Re: Regulation 28 Report into the death of Kennan John WALSH – DOD 24.08.2013  
Inquest 23 – 25 May 2016**

We write further to your Regulation 28 Report sent on 27 May 2016, your letter of 20 June 2016 and your letter of 4 July 2016.

You helpfully explained that the purpose of a Regulation 28 Report is to identify those authorities who have the power to make changes to improve practice which may prevent further deaths and to bring the relevant circumstances to their attention.

We note the content of North Devon Council's response and agree with them that the responsibility for enforcing health and safety in holiday lets sits with District Councils across Devon. In light of this Devon County Council has no power to make changes to improve practice as that power is in the hands of the District Councils.

Devon County Council no longer undertakes tourism operational activities as these are in the process of being transferred out to the 'Visit Devon Community Interest Company' however, Devon County Council shall raise the issue with this organisation so that it may raise awareness of the issue across Devon.

Yours sincerely

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For the County Solicitor