

IAN MICHAEL ARROW Senior Coroner for Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon

	REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS
	THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Highways Department, Torbay Council, Town Hall, Torquay.
1	CORONER
	I am IAN MICHAEL ARROW, Senior Coroner for Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon
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. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made
3	INVESTIGATION and INQUEST
	On 11/12/2014 I commenced an investigation into the death of Saleh Awadh Mohamed Al-Awlaki, On 05 August 2016, I concluded an Inquest touching his death.
4	CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH
	As perhaps you may be aware, this young student was struck by a car with some force on Great Western Road, Paignton. He died as a result of his injuries. I received evidence from police investigators at the Inquest.
	Contributing to the incident was the speed of the car, the dark shadow cast by the low sun and the fact the deceased stepped into the path of the accelerating car. Of particular note was the fact that the deceased did not use the pedestrian crossing when leaving the railway station.
	As you will be aware the pedestrian route between the railway station and the bus station is heavily used. I sought an opinion from a Senior Officer in the case. Police Sergeant the Senior Investigating Officer provided me with verbal and subsequently written advice. I am sharing that advice with you. You will note that he considers the erection of railings at the edge of the roadway to channel pedestrians towards the pedestrian crossing may have prevented the fatal collision
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
	Please review the suitability of pedestrian railing between the Railway Station and Bus Station at Paignton to reduce the effect of vehicular collisions with pedestrians

6	ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
	In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you Highways Department 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 October 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 – The Highways Department of Torbay Council who may find it useful or of interest.
	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 15 August 2016
	Signature Senior Coroner for Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon