REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

RE: FRAZER LEE GEORGE LIVESEY Deceased

THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:

 Mr Mike Muir, Chief Executive, Impact Housing Association, Nook Street, Workington, Cumbria CA14 4EH

1 CORONER

I am Mr David Llewelyn Roberts Senior Coroner for County of Cumbria

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 30th December 2015 I commenced an investigation into the death of Frazer Lee George LIVESEY aged 20 years.. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest 14th November 2016. The conclusion of the inquest:

1a) Smoke and Gas Inhalation

On 22nd December 2015 the deceased was helping a friend carry out work on two motorcycles in the enclosed living room of the friend's flat at The Old Fire Station, Kendal. A fuel tank had been removed and petrol leaked onto the carpet. The friend was using a grinding machine sparks from which ignited the petrol resulting in a conflagration. The deceased was unable to escape due to expanding fire seals on the exit door and window restrictors. He was over come by fumes, inhalation of which caused his death.

4 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

The deceased was involved in working on a motor cycle. Sparks caused petrol to ignite and the deceased and his friend were effectively trapped in the flat. They tried to exit by the window but security stays prevented the window from opening fully. Although his friend eventually escaped by the door the deceased succumbed from the fumes.

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. -

The concern is that the window stays could not be disabled from the inside in an emergency, It is possible the deceased could have survived and his friend suffered less serious injuries if they had been able to escape.

6	ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
	To review the means of emergency exits by windows from The Old Fire Station, Kendal, Cumbria and also the rest of the Association's estate to help reduced the risk of future deaths.
7	YOUR RESPONSE
	You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 17.01.2017. 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:-
	and Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service 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.
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	Mr David Llewelyn Roberts Senior Coroner County of Cumbria