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THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:

- 1. Mr Guy Pink, Chief Executive of Addaction
- Commissioning Manager Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- 3. Senior Partner of St Mary's Health Centre, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly

1 CORONER

I am Senior for the coroner area of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

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

Robert Lloyd died on 30th July 2016 at the Royal Cornwall Hospital after being airlifted from the Isles of Scilly. A post mortem was undertaken and the cause of death was found to be due to drowning. A significant amount of alcohol was found on post mortem toxicology (280mg/100 mL). An inquest was opened on the 15th August 2016 with the inquest heard on the 19th October 2016.

4 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

Robert Lloyd went swimming in the sea at Porthcressa Beach, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly with a friend on 30th July 2016 at around 17.10 pm. They swam for around 20 minutes when Robert returned to the shore. When he was waist deep, he was seen to stop moving/swimming and float face down in the water. He was pulled to the shore and resuscitation attempts were commenced. The air ambulance arrived and transferred him to the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske, Truro where he was recognized dead. He was alcohol dependent and post mortem blood alcohol analysis found the blood alcohol (280 mg/100 ml) at a level which was likely to have affected his cognition.

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. -

At the inquest written evidence was read from the GP and Addaction as to Mr Lloyd's abuse of alcohol and the difficulty in providing supportive treatment for alcohol abusers on the Isles of Scilly. It was acknowledged that due to the island's location and with limited air and boat services after the termination of the helicopter service some years

ago, the support was limited. This has meant that the service users on the Islands have had limited face to face support and had to rely of video link support due to the inability of alcohol support professionals to travel to the Islands in bad weather. This had led to a difficulty in engaging with this group of users. Mr Lloyd's mother, at inquest explained how the reduction in service (on the termination of the helicopter service) had affected her son and made it more difficult for him to control his drinking habit especially on a small island with a strong alcohol drinking culture. In the past he had access to face to face alcohol reduction workers and he was able to attend (for a small travel fee) the Alcoholics Anonymous group on the Main Land. 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. To review the provision of support to excess alcohol users on the Isles of Scilly with a view to preventing future deaths YOUR RESPONSE You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report. namely by 25th January 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. **COPIES and PUBLICATION** I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interesting I have also sent it to The Council of the Isles of Scilly Person: who may find it useful or of interest. and 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. [SIGNED BY CORONER] [DATE] 9 Elizabeth Emma Carlyon 29/11/2016