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Dear Mrs Rawden,

Thank you for sending the Regulation 28: Report to Prevent Future Deaths to the Food Standards Agency, following an investigation into the death of Mr Dylan Paul Hill, which concluded with an inquest on 19 and 20 December 2017.

I am saddened to hear about the death of Mr Hill, and my thoughts are with his friends and family. We are aware that the Department of Health and Social Care will be responding to you regarding measures to be put in place at a local level.

In March, we will be meeting with representatives from other government departments (including the Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England) and organisations involved in food allergy to discuss how we can better tackle the issue. We would, of course, welcome your contribution if you would like to take part in such discussions. Alternatively, we will keep you in touch with developments on this issue.

On raising awareness about food allergy, we provided stakeholders with key messaging before and after the allergen information and labelling rules became enforceable in December 2014. These have been particularly around the changes in legislation, detailing the obligations and responsibilities of the business, but also to let consumers know how to look for allergen information.

In relation to enforcement of allergens information and labelling rules, we have provided clarification in the Food Law Code of Practice and associated Practice Guidance, implemented in 2017, and are looking to further strengthen these documents to address allergen management and cross contamination issues. Later this year, we will be placing

more emphasis on reporting of near misses and deaths from food allergy in the Practice Guidance. We will also be writing to local authorities to highlight lessons learnt, and reinforce our expectations on good allergen management practices.

Food allergy remains one of the FSA's priority areas and we will continue to focus our efforts to help consumers make informed food choices, to help businesses to understand and comply with legislation relating to allergen information and labelling. Chun-Han Chan, who leads in the Food Allergy & Intolerance Branch on Allergen Legislation and Risk Assessment, will be organising the cross-Government discussions. I would be grateful if you could contact her (chun-han.chan@food.gov.uk) if you wish to be involved in the discussions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jason Feeney', written in a cursive style.

Jason Feeney CBE