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Dear Dr Wilcox

**Mrs Elizabeth Marion Griffin**

Thank you for your sending a copy of the report into the death of **Mrs Elizabeth Marion Griffin** to the Chartered Trading Standards Institute.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you that the Chartered Trading Standards Institute is a private company and professional body for trading standards officers, as such this matter is not something that we are able to get involved with as we have no powers, this would be a matter for trading standards departments that are run by local authorities.

On a separate matter you may be interested to hear that CTSI has recently conducted a workforce survey of trading standards services in England and Wales. This demonstrates the severe and deep cuts to trading standards services which in turn has led to a reduction in activity and prioritisation. A copy of the survey can be viewed at <https://www.tradingstandards.uk/media/documents/news--policy/surveys/ctsi-workforce-survey-2017.pdf>

I am sorry that our organisation is not able to be of any further assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Guerreiro