





REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

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| | <p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>The Chief Executive, Rochdale Borough Housing Limited, Sandbrook House, Sandbrook Way, Rochdale, OL11 1RY</p> |
| 1 | <p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Catherine McKenna, Assistant Coroner for the Coroner area of Manchester North</p> |
| 2 | <p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</p> <p>I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroner's and Justice Act 2009 and Regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013</p> |
| 3 | <p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On the 5th March 2018, I commenced an investigation into the death of John Eric Graham</p> |
| 4 | <p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH</p> <p>Mr Graham was a tenant of Rochdale Borough Housing Limited. He was found dead at his home address on 26 February 2018. Post-mortem and Toxicology evidence suggested that ketoacidosis coupled with carbon monoxide toxicity caused his death. Upon further exploration of the evidence, carbon monoxide was excluded from the cause of death and I concluded that he died as a result of natural causes. However, the evidence that I heard during the course of the inquest was that carbon monoxide detectors are not routinely installed in homes rented by Rochdale Borough Housing Limited.</p> |
| 5 | <p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows:-</p> <p>Carbon monoxide detectors are not routinely installed in residential accommodation rented by Rochdale Borough Housing Limited which, if unremedied, creates a risk of future deaths.</p> |
| 6 | <p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe each of you respectively have the power to take such action.</p> |

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| 7 | <p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely 7th January 2019. I, the Coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 8 | <p>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons namely:-</p> <p></p> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 9 | <p>Date: 9/11/18</p> <p>Signed: </p> |