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Dear Mrs Lees,

Inquest into the death of Jerome Jones

Thank you for your Regulation 28 Report of 1 August addressed to the Governor of HMP/YOI Stoke Heath, the Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust and the Forward Trust following the conclusion of the inquest into the death of Jerome Jones. As Chief Executive Officer I am responding on behalf of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS). Thank you for allowing me additional time in which to do so.

I know that you will share a copy of this response with Jerome's family and I would first like to express my sincere condolences for their loss. Every death in custody is a tragedy and the safety of those in our care is my absolute priority.

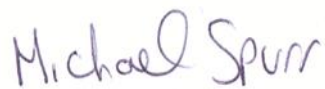
I am grateful to you for bringing your concerns to my attention. I am aware that the Shropshire Community NHS Trust wrote to you on 31 August. In addition to the information in their response, an updated drug strategy has been launched at the

establishment. All staff were notified of this last month by way of a Notice to Staff which also reminded them that healthcare staff are responsible for determining when additional checks of prisoners at risk from repeated use of psychoactive substances are necessary, and that this must be communicated by them to all prison discipline staff.

In September, a staff notice was also issued by the Governor to all Forward Trust Drug workers at the establishment to remind them of how to share information with prison and healthcare staff. To further improve communication between Forward Trust drug workers and healthcare staff, every member of Forward Trust will be given access to SystemOne by April 2019, in order that they can both enter information onto the system and access it.

Thank you again for bringing these matters of concern to my attention. Please be assured that learning from the circumstances of Jerome Jones' tragic death will be shared more widely with colleagues across the prison estate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Spurr". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael Spurr