# **REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)**

NOTE: This form is to be used after an inquest.

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#### THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:

**1.** Collision Reduction Team Manager, Dorset Highways Department, County Hall, Collition Park, Dorchester. DT1 1XJ

### 1 CORONER

I am Brendan Joseph Allen, Assistant Coroner, for the Coroner Area of Dorset.

#### 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

On the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018, an investigation was commenced into the death of Rowan Lloyd, who was born on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

The investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The Medical Cause of Death was:

Ia Multiple chest, abdominal and pelvic injuries

The conclusion of the Inquest was that Rowan Lloyd died as a consequence of a road traffic collision.

#### 4 **CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH**

On the afternoon of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Rowan Lloyd was cycling home from school. He was cycling south on the eastern pavement of Portland Road. The road traffic was heavy, and there were both pedestrians and cyclists on the pavement at the time of the collision.

As Rowan reached the junction of Portland Road, Murley Road and Langton Avenue, he collided with the traffic signal pole and fell to his right, into the road. At that time, a Mercedes Arcos Heavy Tractor and semi-trailer was pulling

away from the signal controlled junction. Rowan fell under the wheels of the trailer, sustaining multiple injuries. Rowan was pronounced dead at the scene.

# 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:

- 1. During the inquest evidence was heard that:
  - i. I heard evidence that the junction of Portland Road, Murely Road and Langton Avenue is a particularly busy junction during the rush hours and during the "school runs", as Portland Road is the main road into Portland and this junction is close to a number of schools. However, I heard evidence that there are no crossing points for pedestrians at the junction, no advanced stop line for cyclists, no cycle lane and no barriers between the road and the pavement on the approach to the traffic signals.
- 2. I have concerns with regard to the following:
  - i. Pedestrians have to "guess" when the lights are in their favour, depending upon the road they intend to cross at the junction: there is no pelican crossing at the junction to assist pedestrians, many of who are of school age, to cross safely at this junction.
  - ii. There is no barrier between the pavement and the road as the junction is approached from the north. This allows pedestrians and cyclists to potentially cross between cars that are held at the junction by the lights, and would mean cars travelling in a northerly direction up Portland Road would have an obscured view of those crossing the road between stationary vehicles.
  - iii. There is no accommodation for cyclists. Given that many of the cyclists using this road will be of school age, particular care needs to be taken to ensure that cyclists can use the road safely and be clearly seen by drivers using Portland Road, perhaps by way of dedicated cycle lanes and/or advanced stop lines at the traffic signals.

### 6 **ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN**

In my opinion urgent action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you and/or your organisation have the power to take such action.

#### 7 YOUR RESPONSE

You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019. 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.

#### 8 COPIES and PUBLICATION

I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons:

(1) father of Rowan Lloyd;(2) mother of Rowan Lloyd.

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.

| 9 | Dated                          | Signed          |
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|   | 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 | Brendan J Allen |