REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

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

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THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:

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1 CORONER

I am PENELOPE SCHOFIELD, senior coroner, for the coroner area of WEST SUSSEX

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 26th July 2018 I commenced an investigation into the death of **SHANE GRAY**, aged 27 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 27th February 2019. The conclusion of the inquest was that Shane died an accidental death.

4 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

On 25th July 2018 Shane Gray was working for Doe Caravan Transport Ltd erecting and dismantling Caravans on the Lakeside Caravan Park. It was a hot day. When the work for the day was complete Mr Gray decided to go for a swim in Leythorne Lake close to where he was working and which was part of the Lakeside Caravan Park. There were no signs at this part of the site showing that swimming was prohibited. He entered the water but after a short period he got into difficulties, being unable to breathe, and despite calling out to his friends, he went under the water and subsequently drowned.

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) That there was inadequate signage in this particular area of the Site where Shane entered the Lake warning him that Swimming was not permitted.
- (2) The area close to the Lake (where the accident occurred) is to be occupied by families with young children and there is no physical barrier to prevent young children entering the Lake..
- (3) The signage that is in place in other parts of the sites in a text format (with no

- pictorial form) and therefore this signage does not provide for those individuals who cannot read or for children who are not of a reading age.
- (4) Contractors who are working on the site are not directly made aware of the rules relating to the Lakes. Reliance is placed solely on these Contractors having seen the signs upon entering the Site.

6 ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN

In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe 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, namely by 24th April 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:-

, partner of the deceased, , mother of the deceased. Doe Caravan and Transport Ltd

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 **27th February 2019**

Penelope Schofield, Senior Coroner