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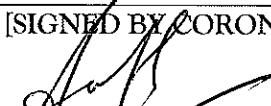Sent: 2nd May 2019

	REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS **THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:** 1. ████████████ Chair of Fitness to Practice, Nursing and Midwifery Council, 1st Floor, 1 Kemble Street, London WC2B 4AN
1	**CORONER** I am Andrew Harris, Senior Coroner, London Inner South.
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 30th March 2016, I opened an investigation and on 26th March 2019 an inquest into the death of Mr Royston Kemp (00822-2016 MM), 85 years, who died at Queen Elizabeth Hospital on 20th March 2016. The medical cause of death of Mr Kemp's death was recorded as follows: 1a Pneumonia b Aspiration c Advanced Dementia II Fragility fracture of left hip – operated. Infected venous ulcers. Whilst the main cause of death was natural and he was at high risk from his fragility, the immobility from a traumatic fracture was a key contributor to his death. The circumstances that led to the fracture in the care home cannot be determined.
4	**CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH** Mr Kemp was an uncomplaining 85 year old suffering from dementia and with a history of fractures and falls who suffered an unwitnessed traumatic fracture of his left femur on or soon before 26th February 2016 in his care home. He injured his hand and elbow on 25th, had a bruise on his thigh on 26th, had a need for increased analgesia and a swollen leg on 27th. He was examined by a nurse on 27th but not referred to hospital until 28th when a massive bruising was discovered. He was in a poor state. Despite surgery on 29th and rehabilitation he died peacefully at 21.34 on 20th March from a chest infection and dementia.
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. –

A nurse working at Marlborough Court Care Home, who has already been referred to the NMC assessed this frail elderly resident whose leg caused concern to care assistants. In doing so her evidence **concerned** the coroner was:

1) She found one leg more swollen than the other and of a different temperature but took no action
2) She failed to establish the care assistant's concern or whether she had met the concern before or after her assessment
3) She failed to measure Vital Signs
4) She failed to escalate to medical care or refer, in the process failed to enable a diagnosis of fractured femur to be made.

6	**ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN**
	In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you Fitness to Practice – Nursing and Midwifery Council have the power to take such action. I send this report to assist you with your assessment.

7	**YOUR RESPONSE**
	You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by Wednesday 27th June, 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.

If you require any further information or assistance about the case, please contact the case officer, ██████████████████████████████ ██████████████████████████ |

8	**COPIES and PUBLICATION**
	I have sent a copy of my report to:

████████████ (daughter) & ████████████████ (granddaughter) ███████████ of RadcliffesLeBrasseur for Four Seasons Health Care ████████████ Sergeants Inn for █████████████ ████████████ for Queen Elizabeth Hospital
And to the nurse concerned (personal details attached in confidence).

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	[DATE]	[SIGNED BY CORONER]