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HM Area Coroner, Ms Emma Brown Birmingham and Solihull The Coroner's Court Birmingham B4 6NE

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Dear Ms Brown,

## Inquest touching upon the death of Mr Marcus William George McGuire

Thank you for the Regulation 28 Report dated 23 June 2019 ('the Report') addressed to HMP Birmingham, the Ministry of Justice and G4S.

The Report was written concerning the unfortunate death of Mr Marcus William George McGuire who died at HMP Birmingham on 24 April 2018. This response is sent on behalf of G4S Care and Justice Services (UK) Ltd ('G4S').

HM Area Coroner will be aware that HMP Birmingham is now operated and managed by HMPPS, being the current governing Governor. Any decisions in terms of actions to be taken at HMP Birmingham are not therefore within the remit of G4S.

G4S take every death in custody very seriously indeed and have carefully considered HM Area Coroner's concerns. G4S would like to reassure HM Area Coroner that they reflect on every death in custody, consider lessons learned and use these to inform best practice across their establishments.

Yours sincerely,

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Jerry Petherick Managing Director

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