REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

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

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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 21st September 2018, an investigation was commenced into the death of Richard Stanley Lee Hallett, who was born on the 11th June 1993. The investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on the 29th May 2019. The Medical Cause of Death was: Ia Severe Head Injury The conclusion of the Inquest was Richard Stanley Lee Hallett died as a consequence of a road traffic collision.
4	**CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH** On 14th September 2018, Mr Hallett was riding a motorcycle in a westerly direction along Harewood Road in Poundbury. As he approached the junction with Lower Blackmere Road, a white Iveco van was approaching the same junction, travelling in a northerly direction along Lower Blakemere Road. Mr Hallett's motorcycle collided with the driver's side wing of the Iveco van. He sustained severe head injuries and was taken to Southampton Hospital. Despite surgical intervention, Mr Hallett died at Southampton Hospital on 16th September 2018.

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. There are no road markings in the Poundbury estate to indicate which vehicle has the right of way when reaching a junction. In addition, parking appears to be permitted along the length of Lower Blakemere Road, which forces vehicles travelling in a northerly direction into the oncoming carriageway. Police evidence indicated that this reduced the sightline of the driver of the Iveco van when looking into Harewood Road to look for oncoming traffic. 2. I have concerns with regard to the following: i. The lack of parking restrictions on Lower Blakemere Road result in the drivers that use that road having a reduced sightlines when approaching junctions. Such drivers are not able to see traffic approaching the junctions until very late, and as no vehicle would appear to have right of way, the risk of collision would appear to be increased.
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, 2nd August 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) Tina Cooper, mother of Richard Hallett; (2) Mr Andrew Bell, the driver of the white Iveco van mentioned above.

	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** **6th June 2019**	**Signed** **Brendan J Allen**