

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

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

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>The Governor, HM Prison Wormwood Scrubs</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Mr Chinyere Inyama senior coroner for the coroner area of West London</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</p> <p>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.</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 24th April 2016 an investigation was commenced into the death of Harold Chukwunedum Uzomechina then aged 34. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 12th September 2019. The conclusion of the jury at the inquest was that Mr Uzomechina died a drug related death to which a failure to recognise signs of cardio respiratory depression contributed. A factor preventing such recognition was an inadequate process of physical monitoring during the night state of Mr Uzomechina , the medical cause of death being:</p> <p>1a - aspiration pneumonia 1b – cardio respiratory depression 1c - multi-drug toxicity</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Mr Uzomechina was remanded to HMP Wormwood scrubs on 20th April 2016. At reception health screens, he reported physical and mental health problems as well as longstanding dependence on drugs and alcohol. A prison GP prescribed methadone for management of heroin dependency and chlordiazepoxide for alcohol withdrawal and symptom relief medication. Mr Uzomechina was transferred to the substance misuse stabilisation unit for detoxification. Late at night on 23rd April, Mr Uzomechina's cell mate asked to move cells because he said Mr Uzomechina was snoring so loudly that it was keeping him awake. At 8:55 the following morning, 24th April, officers were unable to wake Mr Uzomechina and a nurse was called. Despite attempts at CPR Mr Uzomechina was confirmed dead at 9:32 am</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>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.</p>

