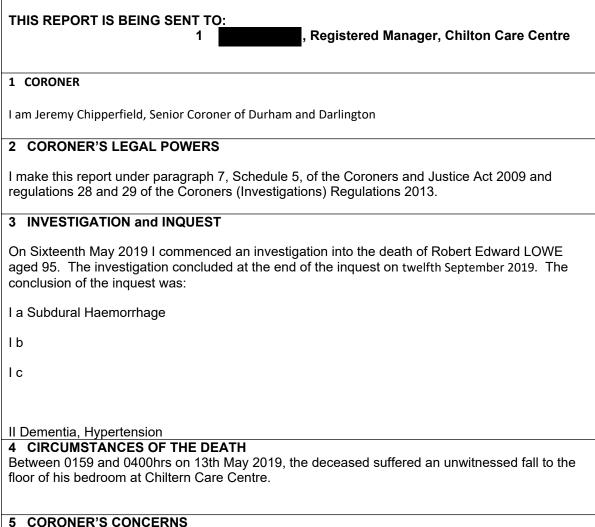
# Regulation 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

NOTE: This from is to be used **after** an inquest. **REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT DEATHS** 



The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows: (brief summary of matters of concern)

- A) Circumstances at Chilton Care Centre are such that the placing of pressure mats (intended to detect residents leaving their beds unaided) is such that residents may bypass those mats;
- B) The use and operation of audible signals is such that important audible alarms may not come to the attention of staff.

Mr LOWE left his bed and fell unwitnessed and then lay undetected by his bed for up to two hours until a scheduled welfare check. The pressure mat may not have been triggered. The basis for my concern is as follows:

(A)	, Chilton Home Manager said that when she investigated this matter (by which time the
	mat had been removed) "there could have been a possibility that Mr LOWE, may have bypassed
	the mat when getting out at the top of his bed" (witness statement dated 11th August 2019); and

(B)	In the same statement,	stated:	"Then	when staff	carried ou	t another	welfare	check,
	they found Mr Lowe on to	he floor. Three out	of 4 sta	ff on duty a	nd only on	e believes	that the	mat

had not activated and the other 3 could not remember if the sensor mat was making a sound or not, as the emergency buzzer was pressed and other buzzers around the home were also going at the same time, and their priority was Mr Lowe..."

## 6 ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN

In my opinion 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, namely by 07 November 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

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.

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Jeremy CHIPPERFIELD Senior Coroner for

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Dated: 20 September 2019