## **REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS**

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

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	THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Simon Stevens, The Chief Executive of the NHS
1	CORONER
	I am Mr James Healy-Pratt, assistant coroner, for the coroner area of WEST SUSSEX
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
	A four day Article 2 Inquest was completed on 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 into the death of Katharine Eva Stamp, without a jury
4	CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH
	Miss Stamp died whilst detained under the Mental Health Act as a result of suddent cardiac arrythmia due to hypoxia. Hypoxia was the result of a combination of physical health factors including aspiration pneumonia and probable sleep apnoea — linked to obesity, smoking and the effects of clozapine on her respiratory system. The lack of any effective national weight-gain monitoring programme for mental health inpatients was casually linked to her obesity and probable sleep apnoea.
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
	The side effects of clozapine, with specific reference to smoking and pneumonia, are under-appreciated Professor gave expert evidence to the Court These side effects may be rare, but they are still important. The BNF does not provide sufficient clarity to prescribers about these side-effects.
6	ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
	In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe 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 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 I, the coroner, may extend the period

