

Regulation 28: Prevention of Future Deaths report

John Richard William JONES (died 18.06.16)

	<p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr Martin Thomas Chief Executive Nightingale Hospital 11-19 Lisson Grove London NW1 6SH2. [REDACTED] Consultant Psychiatrist Keats House Consulting Rooms 24-26 St Thomas Street London SE1 9RS
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am: Coroner ME Hassell Senior Coroner Inner North London St Pancras Coroner's Court Camley Street London N1C 4PP</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</p> <p>I make this report under the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, paragraph 7, Schedule 5, and The Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013, regulations 28 and 29.</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 22 April 2016, one of my assistant coroners, Richard Brittain, commenced an investigation into the death of John Jones, aged 48 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest yesterday. I made a determination as follows.</p> <p>John Jones died instantaneously when he jumped in front of a moving train at approximately 7am on Monday, 18 April 2016 at West Hampstead Railway Station. However, the state of his mental health at the time meant that he lacked the necessary intent to categorise this as suicide.</p>

4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Mr Jones was a patient of ██████████ consultant psychiatrist, who arranged his admission to the Nightingale Hospital, a private hospital specialising in mental health, on 22 March 2016. Mr Jones was still being treated by ██████████ at the Nightingale at the time of his death.</p>
5	<p>CORONER'S CONCERNS</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> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows.</p> <p>I heard at inquest that, during his month long residence at the Nightingale, Mr Jones declined to engage with any of the 35 hours per week of group therapy on offer. He did see his consultant psychiatrist for a one to one session three times a week, and he went for a short walk with his parents most days.</p> <p>However, for the majority of his time in hospital, this extremely bright and able but very unwell man, simply stayed in his room alone.</p> <p>He engaged with nurses who popped in to see him on a polite but only ever superficial level. Sometimes he used his computer, but he did not even come out for meals with the other patients. He had a good appetite, but asked for meals to be brought to his room, which they were.</p> <p>This seems a very sub optimal therapeutic environment, most particularly as Mr Jones's psychiatrist said that the reason for admitting him to hospital was to enable him to access the therapy on offer. I appreciate that Mr Jones himself declined the therapy, but the difficulty he had in accepting help was surely part and parcel of the reason for this episode of mental ill health, and had to be addressed.</p> <p>Whether a patient's engagement is made a condition of stay at the hospital, whether it is secured by offering a different form of therapy e.g. on a one to one basis, or whether there is some other way of ensuring better treatment, is of course a matter for you.</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion, action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe that you have the power to take such action.</p>

7	<p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 24 October 2016. I, the coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>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.</p>				
8	<p>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHJ Peter Thornton QC, the Chief Coroner of England & Wales • Care Quality Commission for England • Royal College of Psychiatrists • [REDACTED], wife of John Jones • [REDACTED] parents of John Jones <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>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 Senior Coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>				
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