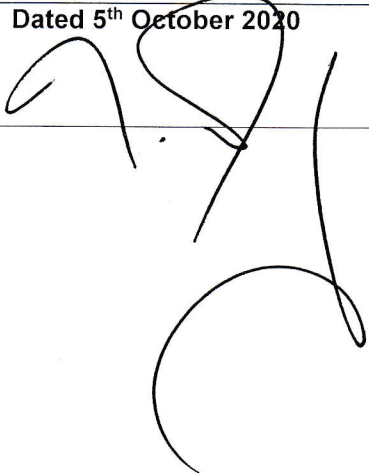


REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: The Governor, HMP Garth</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Nicholas Leslie Rheinberg, assistant coroner for the coroner area of Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen</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 25th July 2017 an inquest into the death of Wesley Dennis Rowlands was opened. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 2nd October 2020. The conclusion of the inquest was that Wesley Dennis Rowlands died by suicide as a result of ligature hanging.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>The deceased ended his life by hanging. According to notes left in his cell at HMP Garth the deceased was filled with remorse for harm that he had inflicted on others. The deceased had used a fixed television bracket as a ligature bracket.</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> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. –</p> <p>A number of cells at HMP Garth, including the deceased's cell, have television brackets built into the structure of the cell walls. Although the brackets are now redundant, they remain in place and constitute a gross and obvious ligature point and will continue to do so until removed.</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe 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 2nd December 2020. 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 Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons namely the family of the deceased and Greater Manchester Healthcare Trust.</p> <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 coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>
9	<p>Dated 5th October 2020 SIGNED</p> <p> Assistant Coroner</p>