

# Derek Winter DL Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland

	REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS
	THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:
	Chief Executive of Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust
1	CORONER
	I am Derek Winter DL, Senior Coroner for the City of Sunderland
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. <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7</a> <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</a>
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5	CORONER'S CONCERNS
	I acknowledge the actions of the Trust following a number of reviews and, no doubt, they will review the evidence from the Inquest. However, 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: –
	1. The family of the perpetrator were not as engaged by the Trust as much as they could have been in terms of:

- sharing information with them; and
- acting upon information provided by them.

I acknowledge that this must take into account the Service User's capacity and consent and also respecting confidentiality, but in this case these matters did not seem to be an issue.

2. A more proactive approach may have been appropriate. I am concerned that the opportunities to engage more were not taken.

## 6 ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN

In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action.

### 7 YOUR RESPONSE

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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 and to the following Interested Persons: -

- Family and their Solicitors and Counsel
- Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
- Care Quality Commission (CQC)

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.

9 Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022

Signature

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	Engagement with the perpetrator was influenced to some extent by the capacity of the Mental Health Trust and its personnel to meet the competing demands of the Service

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