

# Summary: Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future death for **Luke Wilden** (died 22.05.2020)

This is a brief summary of the regulation 28 coroners report into the death of *Luke Wilden* from which you can review the coroner recommendations to health care and consider whether there are changes you could implement in your local NHS trust to address them

## Clinical summary

18-year-old male with high functioning autism + ADHD

- Under social services and in supported accommodation until 18 years
- Transitioned from CAMHS to Adult Services with no accommodation provided
- His mental health declined and was involved in cuckooing and alcohol and drug misuse
- Re-admitted to in-patient psychiatric ward on 19<sup>th</sup> May, but discharged on 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Found deceased on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Cause of death: cardio-toxicity arising from cocaine and heroin use.

## Coroner's Recommendations

- Luke, a vulnerable adult, was not transitioned effectively from CAMHS to appropriate Adult Mental Health Services at the age of 18
- At a national level there are gaps in the service which need to be addressed to ensure Adult Mental Health services provide continued treatment and appropriate adult social care packages, including accommodation, if needed
- This especially should be considered when there are additional diagnoses, such as high functioning autism.

## Key Themes

- Inadequate identification and support for those transitioning from CAMHS to Adult Mental Health Services
- Repeated systemic failures of mental health services to assess patient's needs is leading to neglect of vulnerable adults.

## Local Improvement suggestions from this report:

- Review & improve robustness of multi disciplinary team transition process where you work
- Create a business case for a 'transition worker/lead' in your trust who can support vulnerable young adults to make the transition as smooth as possible,
- Review and improve skills in communication with adolescents including around drug and alcohol use.
- Review and improve how well your team are identifying and responding to safeguarding concerns.
- Find creative local solutions for the gap in mental health provision.

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