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REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>Operations Manager Network Rail Parkgate 14 Park Lane Darlington DL1 5AE</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Tony Brown, senior coroner, for the coroner area of North Northumberland</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 24th November 2015 I commenced an investigation into the death of Daniel Campbell aged 25 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on 21st March 2017 with the following narrative conclusion:- On 24.11.15 at approximately 12.00 hours, Daniel Campbell took his life by stepping into the path of a high speed train between Spittal and Scremerston, Northumberland at a time when his mind and capacity for rational thinking were both affected by illness, and as a result he sustained multiple injuries from which he died instantly.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>As described in the above narrative.</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>Disrepair of walls, fences or other barriers:-</p> <p>Photographs of the location where the death occurred, provided by British Transport Police show that various sections of fencing and walls separating the public footpath from the railway line were broken, missing or in disrepair. While more substantial fencing is unlikely to prevent the trespass and death of a person who is determined to take his own life, insubstantial fencing or barriers create an easy opportunity for persons who might not otherwise act impulsively on fleeting suicidal thoughts after they have passed.</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>I believe that action should be taken to address the concerns raised by the circumstances of Daniel Campbell's death.</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 Friday 9th June 2017. 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:- </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>DATE 13 April 2017</p>  <p>TONY BROWN HM Senior Coroner for North Northumberland</p>