

Subject: FOI 24/02/2020

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Hello

1. A recent NAO report ([Information held by the DWP on deaths by suicide of benefit claimants, 07/02/2020](#)) states that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is aware of having received four Prevention of Future Deaths Report from coroners since 2013, of which two related to deaths by suicide and two related to other causes of death among benefit claimants (see para.9).
2. Having looked at [judiciary.uk](#) I can see that there are four PFD reports listed as having been sent to DWP. These are as follows:
 - a. [Michael O Sullivan](#)
 - b. [Alexander Boamah](#)
 - c. [Kenneth Bardsley](#)
 - d. [Zane Gbangbola](#)
3. However, the descriptions of these cases do not seem to match the description provided by the NAO (which itself will have been based on information provided by DWP).
 - a. The NAO report states that two of the PFD reports relate to death by suicide – only one of the PFD reports (Michael O’Sullivan’s) lists suicide as the cause of death.
 - b. The NAO report states that two of the PFD reports relate to other causes of death among benefit claimants – only one of the reports (Alexander Boamah’s) appears to fit this description.
 - c. The other two reports relate to an accident involving a lift (Kenneth Bardsley) and a child’s accidental death by carbon monoxide poisoning (Zane Gbangbola). Those reports were not sent to DWP because they involved benefit claimants (the income of the individuals/families is not mentioned in those reports) but because DWP sponsors the Health and Safety Executive.
4. The mismatch between the description provided by the NAO (based on information provided by DWP) and the record of PFD reports on the [judiciary.uk](#) website suggests that there may be two PFD reports missing from the website. If there are two missing reports then I would expect these to be:
 - a. One report related to the death by suicide of a benefit claimant; and
 - b. One report related to another cause of death of a benefit claimant.
5. [Judiciary.uk](#) appears to suggest that the record of PFD reports is incomplete.
6. Please either:
 - a. send me the two missing reports; or
 - b. confirm that the record on [judiciary.uk](#) is complete

thank you

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