

Form 6.2

RESPONSE

SHERIFFDOM OF GRAMPIAN, HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS AT INVERNESS

INV-B341-19

DETERMINATION OF SHERIFF CHRISTOPHER DICKSON

UNDER THE INQUIRIES INTO FATAL ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN DEATHS ETC
(SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

in the inquiry into the death of

ZACH AARON BANNER

To the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service

1. The Scottish Prison Service (SPS), being a body to whom a recommendation under section 26(1)(b) was addressed, do respond as follows.
2. **Recommendation 1** – That once normality has resumed following the Covid-19 pandemic, the Police Service of Scotland, in consultation with the current transporting agency, local Health Boards and the Scottish Prison Service, should review the contents and layout of the current PER in light of this determination and consider whether any improvements could be made to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that all relevant information, including, in particular, information in relation to: (i) the risk of suicide or self-harm; and (ii) the risk of harm to others, is included on the PER.
3. **Response** –The Scottish Prison Service have agreed with the Police Service of Scotland, to participate in the review and consideration of the above matters.
4. **Recommendation 2** – That once normality has resumed following the Covid-19 pandemic, the Police Service of Scotland should consult with local Health Boards and the Scottish Prison Service as regards the system or systems of sharing medical information between police custody

suites and local prisons with a view to considering whether a system, based on the HHB pilot, ought be rolled out in other parts of the country.

5. **Response** – The Scottish Prison Service have agreed with the Police Service of Scotland, to participate in the review and consideration of the above matters.