

**HEALTHCARE INSPECTORATE WALES (HIW):
REVIEW INTO THE CARE, MEDICAL HISTORY AND EVENTS
SURROUNDING THE HOMICIDE COMMITTED AT THE SIRHOWY ARMS
HOTEL, ARGOED, BLACKWOOD IN NOVEMBER 2014**

HIW is to undertake an independent review of an individual known to mental health services at Aneurin Bevan, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board's, prior to committing a homicide at Sirhowy Arms Hotel in Argoed, on the 6 November 2014.

The review will investigate the care, medical history and events surrounding the homicide committed by Mr N at the Sirhowy Arms, Argoed, Blackwood on 6 November 2014.

In taking this review forward HIW will:

- Consider the care provided to Mr N as far back as his first contact with health and social care services, or further as determined by the review team, in south Wales to provide an understanding and background to the fatal incident that occurred on the 6 November 2014
- Review the decisions made in relation to the care of Mr N
- Consider the effectiveness of multi-agency interfaces and any potential barriers to effective partnership working in the provision of care for Mr N
- Identify any change or changes in Mr N's behaviour and presentation and evaluate the adequacy of any related risk assessments and actions taken leading up to the incident that occurred 6 November 2014
- Produce a publicly-available report detailing relevant findings and setting out recommendations for improvement
- Work with key stakeholders to develop an action plan(s) to ensure lessons are learnt from this case¹
- Consider any other matters that may be relevant to the purposes of the review.

¹ As part of this exercise consideration will be given also to the personal history of Mr N.

HIW will report upon its findings and where appropriate make any recommendations to ensure any necessary improvements in relation to the quality and safety of care are made.

Methodology and timescale for the review

The review will be managed by HIW and consist of:

- Document and data review
- Interviews with staff involved in the care of Mr N
- Benchmarking operational practices and protocols relating to the care management and monitoring of Mr N
- HIW will lead on engagement with the families of those concerned as appropriate.

HIW will establish a review team which will have the necessary expertise.

The review team will include a representative from the National Offender Management Service (NOMS), drawing upon their expertise and perspective in regards to offender management services.

The review team will seek the expertise of Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales (CSSIW) for matters relating to social and non-health care in Wales.

The review will commence in spring of 2015 and the final report will be published in early 2016.