

# Judicial Review and Courts Bill

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## AMENDMENTS

### TO BE MOVED

#### IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

*[Supplementary to the Marshalled List]*

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#### After Clause 42

#### THE LORD BISHOP OF ST ALBANS

Insert the following new Clause—

#### **“Determination of suicide: relevant factors**

In the Coroners (Inquests) Rules 2013 (S.I. 2013/1616), after rule 34 insert—

#### **“35 Determination of suicide: relevant factors**

- (1) Following the conclusion of an inquest, in the case of a determination of suicide, the coroner must record an opinion as to factors which were relevant to the death.
- (2) Opinions recorded under subsection (1) may not be disclosed in such a way that the identity of the deceased is specified or capable of being deduced.””

#### *Member’s explanatory statement*

*This amendment requires coroners to record risk factors relevant in a death by suicide.*

Insert the following new Clause—

#### **“Requirement to record relevant factors in cases of suicide**

In section 10 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (determinations and findings after inquest), after subsection (3) insert—

- “(4) Following the conclusion of an inquest, Coroners rules may provide for the coroner, in the case of a determination of suicide under subsection (1)(a), to record an opinion as to factors which were relevant to the death.
- (5) The Secretary of State must issue guidance on—
  - (a) the factors which the coroner must consider in reaching an opinion under subsection (4), and
  - (b) the form in which an opinion is to be recorded under subsection (4).””

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment allows for coroners to record risk factors relevant in a death by suicide and requires the Secretary of State to issue guidance on the risk factors the coroner must consider and the form in which the risk factors are recorded.*

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