

Judicial Review and Courts Bill

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After Clause 44

THE LORD BISHOP OF ST ALBANS

Insert the following new Clause—

“Permission 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 the 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).
- (6) The coroner must record an opinion under subsection (4) in accordance with the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section (5).
- (7) Opinions recorded under subsection (4) 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 would allow coroners to record risk factors relevant in a death by suicide, and requires the Secretary of State to issue guidance on the risk factors that the coroner must consider and the form in which the risk factors are recorded.

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