




Signed by Geoffrey Sullivan
Title Senior Coroner
Jurisdiction Hertfordshire

	REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Network Rail
1	CORONER I am Geoffrey Sullivan Senior Coroner for Hertfordshire
2	CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made
3	INVESTIGATION and INQUEST On the 27 th February 2018 I commenced an investigation into the death of Kevin Phillip SHERWOOD. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest 6th September 2018. The conclusion of the inquest was Suicide Medical Cause of Death: 1a Severe Multiple Injuries
4	CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH On the morning of the 20th February 2018 a passenger train from Edinburgh to London Kings Cross was approaching Hitchin Station. The driver of the train saw Kevin Sherwood standing on the train line facing the oncoming train. The driver applied the brake and sounded the horn but Mr Sherwood did not move and was struck by the train. Police and paramedics attended and his death was confirmed at 11:47 hours at the scene
5	<u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u> During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. The matters outlined below were not found to have caused or contributed to the death. In my opinion, however there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you. The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. – (1) Only post and wire fencing at the railway boundary in this area. The areas on both sides off the Ickneild Way, particularly to the west of the railway, are used by dog walkers and others.

6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you Network Rail have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by Wednesday 28th November 2018. I, the coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p>
8	<p>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons</p> <p>██████████ partner of the deceased British Transport Police.</p> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>
9	<p>11/09/2018</p> <p>Signature </p> <p>Geoffrey Sullivan Senior Coroner Hertfordshire</p>