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Her Majesty's Coroner for the City of Birmingham and the Borough of Solihull,
Coroner's Court, 50 Newton Street, Birmingham B4 6

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Mr Peter Barrow
Head of Licensing
Birmingham City Council
Ladbroke House
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Dear Mr Barrow

Re: Ramzan Begum (deceased)

I am reporting this matter to you in accordance with rule 43 Coroners Rules 1984 (as amended by the Coroners (Amendment) Rules 2008). I enclose a copy of the Rule (as amended).

In accordance with rule 43, a copy of this report is being sent to the Lord Chancellor and all the other properly interested persons identified at the inquest (together with other people who I believe may find I useful or of interest). A list of copy recipients can be found at the end of this report. Your response to this report will also be shared with those listed.

I enclose herewith a copy of the **Inquisition**.

It was clear from the evidence that Ramzan's death may well have been avoided if her wheelchair had been secured in the taxi.

I hope that Birmingham City Council will give serious consideration to requiring all taxi drivers operating within the City to secure wheelchairs within the vehicle.

I understand that taxi drivers applying for a licence after June 2004 are required to attend a course of training under the Disability Discrimination Act. I can see no justification to restricting that necessary and invaluable information to a small group of the taxi drivers. I would be grateful if Birmingham City Council would arrange for all taxi drivers operating within the City to undergo that training.

It may well be that the City have already put these matters in hand. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Aiden Keith Cotter
H. M. Coroner
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