

**INQUESTS INTO THE DEATHS ARISING FROM
THE FISHMONGERS' HALL AND LONDON BRIDGE TERROR ATTACK**

**RESPONSE OF THE DIRECTORS OF LEARNING TOGETHER NETWORK CIC
TO PREVENTION OF FUTURE DEATHS REPORT**

INTRODUCTION

1. This is the response on behalf of the Directors of the Learning Together Network CIC (“the CIC”) in relation to the ‘Regulation 28 Report on Action to Prevent Future Deaths’ (“the PFD Report”)¹ made on 3 November 2021 by the coroner in relation to the deaths arising from the attack at Fishmongers’ Hall on 29 November 2019. Recommendations MC1, MC2, MC3 and MC5 in the PFD Report are addressed to the Directors of the CIC.

ROLE OF THE CIC

2. Learning Together at the University of Cambridge (“the University”) involved partnership working between the University and three local prisons. It brought together prison-based students and University-based students to study higher education courses (“UC Learning Together partnerships”). These UC Learning Together partnerships were, and always have been, part of an educational initiative based at the University. The staff working on the UC Learning Together partnerships have always been employed by the University and based at the Institute of Criminology (“the Institute”) – a department within the Faculty of Law, which is itself a component faculty of the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences.
3. The CIC did not employ any staff and was not involved in the running of any Learning Together partnerships, at any point, at 29 November 2019 or subsequently. It played no part in arranging the alumni and anniversary event at Fishmongers’ Hall. All UC Learning Together partnership activities, including the Fishmongers’ Hall

¹ Under paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 to the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013 ([here](#))

event, were University activities. The CIC was established in April 2019 as one of the deliverables of the HMPPS Innovation Grant brought into the University. In November 2019, discussions with the University were still ongoing about the relationship between the work of Learning Together within the University and any work that might be done by the CIC in the future.

4. An application to voluntarily strike the CIC off the Companies Register was made on 4 November 2021 and a first notice was published in the *Gazette* on 16 November 2021. The CIC will be dissolved in January 2022.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE CIC

5. In light of the above, the CIC is not able to take steps in relation to any of the recommendations in the PFD Report. It has no power to act upon them. It is a matter for the University to respond to these recommendations in so far as they relate to UC Learning Together partnerships.
6. The event at Fishmongers Hall on 29 November 2019 was organised in accordance with and adhered to all of the established risk management, safeguarding and governance frameworks of the University that were effectively communicated to and implemented within the Institute. It is regrettable that relevant risk assessment frameworks were not in place within the Institute at the time of the event at Fishmonger's Hall. Drs Armstrong and Ludlow take this opportunity to reiterate that their personal and professional reflection, profound grief, and trauma is deep and ongoing following the tragedy of 29 November 2019. As employees of the University, they have taken every possible opportunity to contribute to the University's process of reflection, consideration and further action, an update about which was provided in the 'Submissions on Behalf of the University of Cambridge on a Prevention of Future Deaths Report, dated 28 July 2021' (published on the website for the inquests).
7. It is hoped the University will further develop its risk management, safeguarding and governance frameworks, and the systems through which their distribution and effective implementation are monitored within University departments in light of the Coroner's recommendations, so as to provide assurance of appropriate frameworks to support the safety of all employees, and all others involved in University activities.

Drs Armstrong and Ludlow take very seriously the lessons from the inquest and the PFD Report and give their utmost commitment that these lessons will inform their work moving forwards.