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Dear Member,

A number of Members have recently contacted the Mayor on behalf of their constituents with regard to the tragic death of Shukri Abdi. Please find below a statement that has been released from the Mayor for your information.

Statement by Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester:

“I fully appreciate the level of public concern about the tragic death of Shukri Abdi and am grateful to everyone who has shown an interest in this troubling case and support for Shukri’s family.

“I can confirm that an independent inquiry into her death is already underway in the form of an Inquest overseen by the Coroner. If I were to set up a new separate inquiry at this point, it would jeopardise those ongoing legal proceedings and not help us establish the truth of what happened.

“However, together with the Deputy Mayor, I have today written to the Coroner pledging our support for the process that is underway and for the widest possible investigation into what happened both on the day and in the months leading up to it, looking at the actions of all public bodies involved. We have asked the Coroner when the inquest will recommence, following the pause due to Covid-19, and have offered any assistance we might be able to give to ensure it is concluded as soon as possible. Once the Inquest has concluded, we will of course consider what further action may be needed on the back of it. We are committed to ensuring that the truth of what happened is clearly established in this case.”

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