

**Prisons &  
Probation**

**Ombudsman**  
Independent Investigations

# **Independent investigation into the death of Mr Jason Cutts a prisoner at HMP Norwich, on 30 November 2023**

**A report by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman**

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## OUR VISION

To deliver high quality and timely independent investigations and work closely with partners to achieve tangible benefits for the safety and confidence of those in custody and under community supervision.

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1. The Prisons and Probation Ombudsman aims to make a significant contribution to safer, fairer custody and community supervision. One of the most important ways in which we work towards that aim is by carrying out independent investigations into deaths, due to any cause, of prisoners, young people in detention, residents of approved premises and detainees in immigration centres.
2. If my office is to best assist His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) in ensuring the standard of care received by those within service remit is appropriate, our recommendations should be focused, evidenced and viable. This is especially the case if there is evidence of systemic failure.
3. On 10 March 2011, Mr Jason Cutts was sentenced to 17 years in prison for sexual offences.
4. Mr Cutts died from sepsis caused by right pyonephrosis, ureteric stone and a right ureteric tumour on 30 November 2023, while a prisoner at HMP Norwich. He was 56 years old. We offer our condolences to Mr Cutts' family and friends.
5. The PPO family liaison officer wrote to Mr Cutts' next of kin to explain the investigation and to ask if they had any matters they wanted us to consider. They had no questions but asked for a copy of our report.
6. NHS England commissioned an independent clinical reviewer to review Mr Cutts' clinical care at HMP Norwich.
7. The clinical reviewer concluded that the clinical care Mr Cutts received at Norwich was of a good standard and was equivalent to what he could have expected to receive in the community.
8. The PPO investigator investigated the non-clinical issues relating to Mr Cutts' care. We did not find any non-clinical issues of concern. We make no recommendations.
9. The initial report was shared with HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS). HMPPS did not find any factual inaccuracies.
10. Mr Cutts' family received a copy of the initial report. They did not raise any further issues, or comment on the factual accuracy of the report.
11. At the inquest held on 3 July 2024, the coroner concluded that Mr Lee Oscar Williams otherwise known as Jason Cutts died of natural causes.

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