

**Prisons &
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Independent Investigations

Independent investigation into the death of Mr Tony Williams, a prisoner at HMP Littlehey, on 4 February 2024

A report by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman

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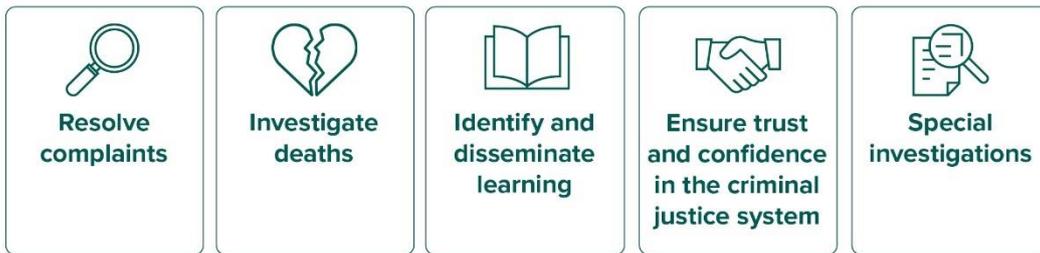
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OUR VISION

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.

WHAT WE DO



WHAT WE VALUE



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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. In October 2021, Mr Tony Williams was sentenced to six years imprisonment for sexual offences. He died in a hospice from kidney cancer on 4 February 2024, while a prisoner at HMP Littlehey. He was 55 years old. We offer our condolences to Mr Williams' family and friends.
4. The Ombudsman's office contacted Mr Williams' wife to explain the investigation and to ask if she had any matters she wanted us to consider. She had no questions but asked for a copy of our report.
5. NHS England commissioned an independent clinical reviewer to review Mr Williams' clinical care at Littlehey.
6. The clinical reviewer concluded that the clinical care Mr Williams received at Littlehey was of a good standard and was at least equivalent to that which he could have expected to receive in the community. He made no recommendations.
7. The PPO investigator investigated the non-clinical issues relating to Mr Williams' care.
8. We did not find any non-clinical issues of concern. We make no recommendations.

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Prisons and Probation Ombudsman

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Inquest

The inquest, held on 4 September 2024, concluded that Mr Williams died from natural causes.

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