

**Prisons &  
Probation**

**Ombudsman**  
Independent Investigations

# **Independent investigation into the death of Mr Peter Wrigglesworth, a prisoner at HMP Full Sutton, on 21 March 2025**

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

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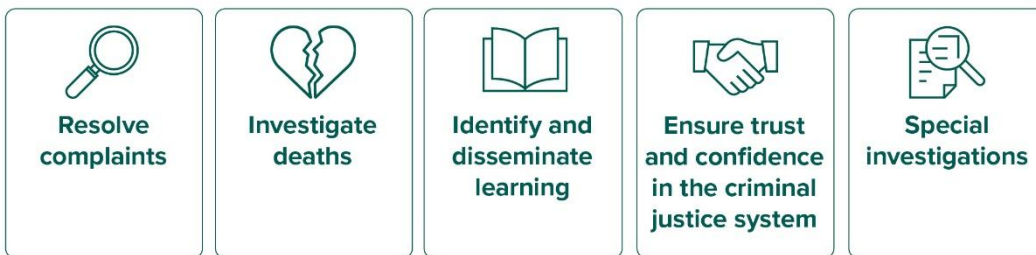
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To deliver high quality and timely independent investigations and work closely with partners to achieve tangible benefits for the safety and confidence of those in custody and under community supervision.

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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 19 April 2024, Mr Peter Wrigglesworth was sentenced to 23 years and three months in prison for sexual offences. He died in hospital of decompensated cirrhosis (complications of advanced liver disease) on 21 March 2025, while a prisoner at HMP Full Sutton. He was 68 years old. We offer our condolences to Mr Wrigglesworth's family and friends.
4. The Ombudsman's office wrote to Mr Wrigglesworth's 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.
5. NHS England commissioned an independent clinical reviewer to review Mr Wrigglesworth's clinical care at HMP Full Sutton. The clinical reviewer's report is attached as Annex 1.
6. The clinical reviewer concluded that the clinical care Mr Wrigglesworth received at Full Sutton was equivalent to what he could have expected to receive in the community. She found that healthcare staff maintained effective communication with hospital staff throughout Mr Wrigglesworth's admission and regularly discussed his care needs at the prison's multi-disciplinary meetings. The clinical reviewer made no recommendations.
7. The PPO investigator investigated the non-clinical issues relating to Mr Wrigglesworth's care. We make no recommendations.
8. Mr Wrigglesworth's next of kin received a copy of the draft report. They pointed out some factual inaccuracies. This report has been amended accordingly.
9. The initial report was shared with HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS). HMPPS did not find any factual inaccuracies.
10. This version of my report, published on my website, has been amended to remove the names of staff and prisoners involved in my investigation.

**Adrian Usher**  
**Prisons and Probation Ombudsman**

**August 2025**

## **Inquest**

At the inquest held on 22 October 2025, the coroner concluded that Mr Wrigglesworth died of natural causes.

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