

**Prisons &
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Independent investigation into the death of Mr Lucal Brady, a prisoner at HMP Isle of Wight, on 2 July 2023

A report by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman

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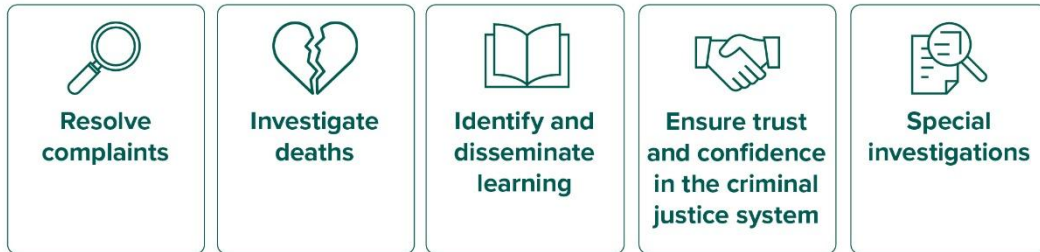
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OUR VISION

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. We carry out investigations to understand what happened and identify how the organisations whose actions we oversee can improve their work in the future.
3. Mr Lucal Brady died from decompensated cardiac failure caused by hypertensive heart disease and frailty of old age on 2 July 2023 at HMP Isle of Wight. He was 91 years old. We offer our condolences to Mr Brady's family and friends.
4. NHS England commissioned an independent clinical reviewer to review Mr Brady's clinical care at HMP Isle of Wight.
5. The PPO investigator investigated the non-clinical issues relating to Mr Brady's care.
6. The PPO family liaison officer wrote to Mr Brady's next of kin to explain the investigation and to ask if they had any matters they wanted us to consider. We received no response.
7. The clinical reviewer concluded that the clinical care Mr Brady received at HMP Isle of Wight was of a high standard and equivalent to that which he could have expected to receive in the community. She made one recommendation which is not related to Mr Brady's death but which the Head of Healthcare will need to address.
8. 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. At an inquest held on 7 January 2025, the Coroner concluded that Mr Brady died of natural causes.

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