

**Prisons &
Probation**

Ombudsman
Independent Investigations

Independent investigation into the death of Mr Clive Hanson, a prisoner at HMP/YOI Doncaster, on 20 April 2025

A report by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman

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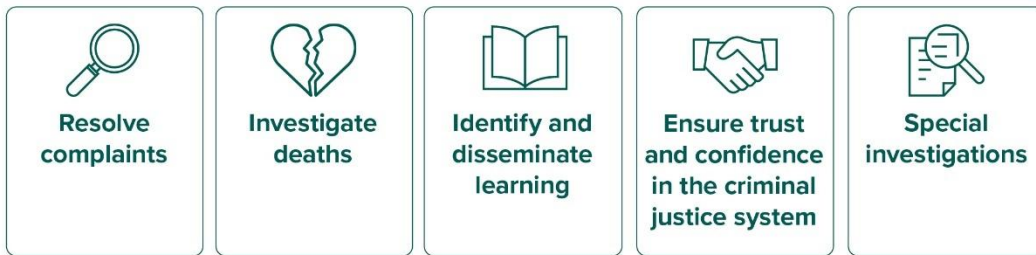
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OUR VISION

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.

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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 August 2023, Mr Clive Hanson was sentenced to seven years in prison for indecent assault. He died in hospital of metastatic lung cancer on 20 April 2025, while a prisoner at HMP Doncaster. He was 75 years old. We offer our condolences to Mr Hanson's family and friends.
4. The Ombudsman's office wrote to Mr Hanson's next of kin to explain the investigation and to ask if they had any matters they wanted us to consider. They did not respond.
5. NHS England commissioned an independent clinical reviewer, to review Mr Hanson's clinical care at HMP Doncaster. The clinical reviewer's report is attached as Annex 1.
6. The clinical reviewer concluded that the care Mr Hanson received at Doncaster was of a reasonable standard and equivalent to what he could have expected to receive in the community. Healthcare staff responded appropriately when Mr Hanson's health deteriorated and involved him in decisions about his treatment. They developed suitable care plans, and overall, Mr Hanson had access to health and social care services that met his needs within the prison setting. The clinical reviewer made one recommendation unrelated to Mr Hanson's death, which the Head of Healthcare will wish to address.
7. The PPO investigator investigated the non-clinical issues relating to Mr Hanson's care.
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.

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Prison and Probation Ombudsman

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Inquest

At the inquest held on 16 March 2026, the coroner concluded that Mr Hanson died from natural causes.

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