

**Prisons &
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Ombudsman
Independent Investigations

Independent investigation into the death of Mr Anthony Driver a prisoner at HMP Moorland, on 26 June 2024

A report by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman

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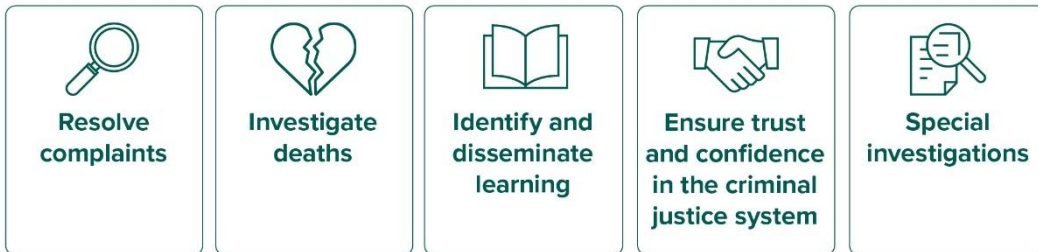
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OUR VISION

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 May 2013, Mr Anthony Driver was sentenced to 13 years in prison for manslaughter. He was released on 24 December 2019, but was recalled to prison in 2020 after he committed further offences. On 14 December 2020, he was sentenced to nine months in prison for public disorder offences.
4. Mr Driver died from advanced metastatic carcinoma of the colon (colon cancer which had spread to other parts of the body) on 26 June 2024, while a prisoner at HMP Moorland. He was 48 years old. We offer our condolences to Mr Driver's family and friends.
5. The Ombudsman's office wrote to Mr Driver's next of kin to explain the investigation and to ask if she had any matters she wanted us to consider. She did not respond.
6. NHS England commissioned an independent clinical reviewer to review Mr Driver's clinical care at Moorland.
7. The clinical reviewer concluded that the clinical care Mr Driver received at Moorland was of a good standard and was at least equivalent to that which he could have expected to receive in the community. She found that healthcare staff reviewed Mr Driver regularly and monitored his pain closely. They also took prompt action when they were advised that Mr Driver was at risk of a bowel obstruction. The clinical reviewer made no recommendations.
8. The PPO investigator investigated the non-clinical issues relating to Mr Driver's care. We did not identify any non-clinical learning.
9. We make no recommendations.
10. The initial report was shared with HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS). HMPPS did not find any factual inaccuracies.
11. Mr Driver's family received a copy of the draft report. They did not make any comments.
12. At an inquest held on 6 November 2025, the Coroner concluded that Mr Driver died of natural causes.

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