

**Prisons &
Probation**

Ombudsman
Independent Investigations

Independent investigation into the death of Mr Terence Paget, a prisoner at HMP Littlehey, on 19 October 2022

A report by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman

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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 HM Prison and Probation Service 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 23 November 2017, Mr Terence Paget was sentenced to ten years in prison for sexual offences. He died in hospital of oesophageal squamous cell carcinoma on 19 October 2022, while a prisoner at HMP Littlehey. He was 68 years old. We offer our condolences to Mr Paget's family and friends.
4. We wrote to Mr Paget'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 Paget's clinical care at HMP Littlehey.
6. The clinical reviewer concluded that the clinical care Mr Paget received at Littlehey was of a reasonable standard and equivalent to that which he could have expected to receive in the community. He found that healthcare staff managed Mr Paget with compassion and that he received responsive nursing care. The clinical reviewer identified as good practice that a specialist palliative care nurse at Littlehey accompanied Mr Paget to his hospital outpatient appointments.
7. The PPO investigator investigated the non-clinical issues relating to Mr Paget's care.
8. We did not find any non-clinical issues of concern. We make no recommendations.
9. We shared the initial report with HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS). They did not identify any factual inaccuracies.
10. The inquest into Mr Paget's death concluded on 11 May 2023, returning a verdict of natural causes.

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