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**Terms of Reference for the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Detention**

The Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Detention (IAPDD) will:

- Act as the primary source of independent advice to ministers and service leaders on measures to reduce the number and rate of deaths in detention, both through the Ministerial Board on Deaths in Detention (MBDD) and where appropriate directly
- Aid the co-sponsor departments in fulfilling their duties under Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights – the right to life – in Schedule 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998, as well as the Equality Act 2010.
- Consult and engage with relevant stakeholders – chiefly through, but not limited to, the MBDD Expert Stakeholder Group – in order to collect, analyse and disseminate relevant information about deaths in detention and the lessons that can be learned from them
- Commission relevant research
- Carry out thematic enquiries into areas of concern, in co-operation as appropriate with the relevant oversight and investigative bodies
- Issue formal guidance (and where appropriate set common standards) on best practice for reducing deaths in detention, both on its own authority and where appropriate under the authority of the MBDD
- Monitor compliance with such guidance and standards
- Where appropriate, make recommendations to ministers for changes in policy or operational practice, which would help to reduce the incidence of death in detention.