

**Prisons &
Probation**

Ombudsman
Independent Investigations

Independent investigation into the death of Mr Terrence Connor, a prisoner at HMP Preston, on 6 May 2023

A report by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman

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. Mr Terrence Connor died of heart disease on 6 May 2023 at HMP Preston. He was 74 years old. We offer our condolences to Mr Connor's family and friends.
4. Mr Connor had no recorded next of kin so there was no family involvement in this investigation.
5. NHS England commissioned an independent clinical reviewer to review Mr Connor's clinical care at HMP Preston. She concluded that the clinical care Mr Connor received at Preston was of a good standard and equivalent to that which he could have expected to receive in the community. She made no recommendations.
6. The PPO investigator investigated the non-clinical issues relating to Mr Connor's care. We did not find any non-clinical issues of concern. We make no recommendations.
7. We shared our initial report with HMPPS. They found no factual inaccuracies.
8. The inquest, held on 12 January 2024, concluded that Mr Connor died from natural causes.

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