



PROTOCOL ON SHARING INFORMATION BETWEEN HM CHIEF INSPECTOR OF PRISONS (HMCIP) AND INQUEST

This protocol sets out some broad principles as to how HMI Prisons and INQUEST will work together.

INQUEST will:

- Pass to HMI Prisons information or evidence arising from its case and policy work relevant to the policies and practises operating within relevant establishments around the care and treatment of prisoners and detainees.
- Secure the consent of family members before information is shared otherwise information may be anonymised.
- Recognising that there may be delays before PPO investigation reports are published or inquest hearings held, examples of information that may be shared include:
 - early alerts to particular issues or concerns raised about an establishment;
 - identifying concerning trends, for example, the use of restraints during 'end of life care', dangerous cell designs, prescribing practices, staff bullying;
 - particular concerns or problems around staffing issues;
 - contractor issues, for example, around the provision of healthcare services, prisoner transport;
 - repeat issues, for example, where recommendations from either Coroners' Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths or PPO reports appear not to have not been acted upon;
 - inquest jury findings, Coroners' Reports to Prevent Future Deaths and any particularly strong witness evidence from inquests which are reflective of current practises and systems operating at a prison.

HMI Prisons will:

- Add any information shared by Inquest to their existing intelligence files on each prison, which would then be considered before the next inspection.

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