

Draft Panel Members' Descriptions

LORD TOBY HARRIS (Chair)

Lord Toby Harris was made a Life Peer in June 1998 and is Chair of the Labour Peers. He was a member of Haringey Council from 1978 to 2002 and was its Leader from 1987 to 1999, having previously spent five years as Chair of Social Services. He was Chair of the Association of London Government, representing the 33 local authorities in London, from its formation in 1995 until 2000, having previously chaired the Association of London Authorities. He was the first Chair of the Institute of Commissioning Professionals, has been a non-executive director of the London Ambulance Service, a Senior Associate of the Kings Fund, and a member of the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants. He is a former member of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union.

In 2013, Lord Harris chaired the House of Lords Committee on the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and has been a member of the Joint Committee on National Security since 2010. He is Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Policing and Treasurer of the Parliamentary Internet and Communications Technology Forum (PICTFOR). He has been Chair of the National Trading Standards Board since May 2013.

Since 2009, Lord Harris has been the Chair of the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody, and in that capacity he was invited to lead the review on self-inflicted deaths of 18-24 year olds in February 2014..

DEBORAH COLES

Deborah Coles is co-director of INQUEST, a unique charity that provides expertise on contentious deaths and their investigation with a particular focus on custodial deaths. She leads its evidence based policy, legal and strategic work arising from its specialist casework and overview of the investigation and inquest process. She has considerable expertise in working to prevent the deaths and ill treatment of people in all forms of detention, and for more effective learning and accountability. She has led INQUEST's work on the policy and parliamentary issues arising from its specialist casework on deaths of children and young people and its call for an independent inquiry into the broader systemic issues. She is co-author of *'In the Care Of the State? Child Deaths in Penal Custody in England and Wales* INQUEST 2005 and *Fatally Flawed: Has the State learned from the deaths of children and young people in prison?* INQUEST/PRT 2012.

STEPHEN CRAGG QC

Stephen Cragg QC is an experienced specialist barrister in public law and human rights law. He practices from Doughty Street Chambers, one of the largest human rights practices in the world. He has appeared in over 80 judicial review full hearings

and appeals, including nine cases in the Supreme Court/ House of Lords. His main area of public law include police law, community care and health law, the retention and disclosure of information by public bodies, the criminal justice system, and coroners' inquests. His other area of expertise is in civil actions against the police, and his is co-author of *Police Misconduct: legal remedies* published by the Legal Action Group (5th edition due in 2015). He has acted in many death in custody inquests on behalf of the family of the deceased, often when the deceased was a young person. Stephen sits as a part-time judge in the mental health tribunal. Before coming to the Bar, Stephen worked as a solicitor for Hackney Law Centre and the Public Law Project. He is currently Chair of the Public Law Project trustees.

PHILIP LEACH

Philip Leach is Professor of Human Rights Law at Middlesex University, a solicitor, and Director of the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC). He is a former Legal Director of Liberty. He has extensive experience of representing applicants before the European Court of Human Rights, in particular against the UK, Turkey, Russia and other former Soviet states. He is the author of 'Taking a Case to the European Court of Human Rights', 3rd ed., Oxford University Press, 2011. He is on the Editorial Board of European Human Rights Law Review, a Trustee of the Media Legal Defence Initiative (MLDI) and a member of the Legal Advisory Board of the Human Dignity Trust. Prof Leach has been a member of the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody since 2009, leading on its work relating to Article 2-compliant investigations.

MATILDA MACATTRAM

Matilda MacAttram is founder and director of Black Mental Health UK (BMH UK), a human rights campaigns group established in 2006 to raise awareness and address the stigma associated with mental illness within the UK's African Caribbean communities. She is a member of the Government's Ministerial Working Group on Mental Health and Equalities, as well as the Care Quality Commissions' Annual Mental Health Act Report Expert Advisory Group, and New Scotland Yard's Vulnerability Independent Advisory Group. Ms MacAttram is also a fellow of the United Nations, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent is on the editorial board for the Journal of Ethnicity and Inequalities in Health and Social Care Also a journalist and public speaker, her work is published in the specialist, community and national press and she is frequently asked to comment in print and broadcast media on issues arising from BMH UK's work.

DINESH MAGANTY

Dr. Maganty is a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He is currently Lead Consultant for Medium Secure Psychiatric intensive care for Birmingham and Solihull Mental health Foundation NHS Trust. He is also Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist to HMP Hewell. He is currently a member of NHS England Clinical

reference group for Health and Justice . He has extensive experience of Prison and Secure /Intensive care Psychiatry. He has acted as an Psychiatric expert for coroners , NHS Litigation authority and others across the country in cases of deaths in Psychiatric Hospitals and Prisons. Dr Maganty has acted as an expert in over seven hundred criminal cases over the last 15 yrs. These have included some of the Highest profile criminal cases nationally. He has a keen interest in teaching and training, being a specialist trainer in Forensic Psychiatry. Dr Maganty's research interests lie in the areas of intensive care and Prison Psychiatry

RICHARD SHEPHERD

Dr Shepherd has been employed as a Forensic pathologist for over twenty five years as a Consultant, Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Forensic Medicine. He is routinely involved in the investigation of homicides and suspected homicides and has sat on The Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel, The Restrain Advisory Board and the Independent Advisory Panel on Non Compliance Management. He was visiting Professor at City University London and is now visiting Professor at Chester University. He is included on The Home Secretary's Register of Forensic Pathologists. Richard is a past President of both the British Association of Forensic Medicine and the Clinical, Legal and Forensic Medicine Section of the Royal Society of Medicine of London and a past Vice President of the Medico Legal Society of London. Dr Shepherd is a member of the Board of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College Physicians.

GRAHAM TOWL

Prof Graham Towl is Professor of Forensic Psychology and Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Warden at Durham University, UK. Previously he was the Chief Psychologist at the Ministry of Justice. His experience includes working in prisons and psychiatric hospitals and combines both policy and practice. He is a Council member of the Health and Care Professions Council. Prof Towl's research interests include risk assessment, suicide in prisons and the evaluation of interventions.