



Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) on Deaths in Custody

Deaths in State Custody Parliamentary Log

This Parliamentary Log provides a summary of all Parliamentary business on issues relating to deaths in state custody since May 2015. The log includes information on Parliamentary Business and Written Ministerial Statements from the UK Parliament and devolved assemblies. Whilst deaths in custodial establishments in Scotland and Northern Ireland fall outside of the IAP's remit, the IAP felt that parliamentary business from these assemblies on deaths in custody would be of interest to readers.

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Parliamentary Questions relating to Deaths in Prison Custody

Name of MP: Michael Gove (The Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice)

Written Statement: I will today publish the government's response to the Harris Review into self-inflicted deaths in custody of 18-24 year olds. (Citation: HC Deb, 17 December 2015, cWS)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

Name of MP: Norman Lamb (North Norfolk) Shadow LD Spokesperson (Health)

Adjournment Debate: I want to raise an issue of profound importance. It is a practice which I think is intolerable but which carries on every week of the year and probably every day of the year: the shunting of people around the country, sometimes a long distance away from home, at a moment of mental health crisis. Typically, someone at a moment of acute crisis would be taken into hospital but there would be no bed available for them, so they would be taken away somewhere else in the country. There are numerous stories of people being taken hundreds of miles away from home on a regular basis. (Citation: HC Deb, 03 Dec 2015, c591)

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

Name of MP: Cat Smith (Lancaster & Fleetwood) Labour

Adjournment Debate : I am pleased to have secured my first Adjournment debate on the issue of transgender prisoners. It is not a topic that I knew much about before my election in May, but in my seven months in this House it has certainly gained my attention. (Citation: HC Deb, 15 Dec 2015, c1542)

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

Name of Peer: Baroness Barker (Liberal Democrats)

House of Lords Debate: To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the death of Vicky Thompson, whether they will review the Prison Service's treatment of trans prisoners. (Citation: HL Deb, 24 November 2015, c569)

To read the debate, please use this [link](#):

Name of MP: Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood) Labour

Parliamentary Question: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice if he will make a statement on trans prisoners.

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

Name of MP: Philip Davies (Shipley) Conservative

Parliamentary Debate: I beg to move that this House has considered the matter of male suicide and International Men's Day.(Citation: HC Deb, 19 November 2015, c241WH)

To read the debate, please use this [link](#):

Name of MP: Steve Rotheram (Liverpool, Walton) Labour

Parliamentary Question: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to support suicidal and vulnerable inmates in (a) HMP Liverpool and (b) HMP Altcourse (Written Question 12986) (Citation: HC Deb, 9 November 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

Name of MP: Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

Parliamentary Question: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the cause of death was on each occasion when a person took their own life in prison in each of the last five years. (Written Question 14517) (Citation: HC Deb, 6 November 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#):

Name of MP: Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

Parliamentary Question: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions his Department has had with the Department of Health on the rate of people taking their own lives in prisons. (Written Question 14466) (Citation: HC Deb, 5 November 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#):

Name of MP Jess Phillips (Birmingham, Yardley) Labour

Parliamentary Question: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people (a) attempted to take and (b) took their own lives at Foston Hall Prison, Derbyshire, was in each of the last five years. (Written question 12322) (Citation: HC Deb 23 October 2015 cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#):

Name of MP

Sir Nicholas Soames

Parliamentary Question :To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many and what proportion of natural deaths occurred (a) at home, (b) in a hospice, (c) in a care home, (d) in the home of a friend or relative and (e) in hospital in each financial year between 2010-11 and 2014-15. (Written question11463) (Citation: HC Deb, 20 October 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#):

Name of MP: Andrew Smith (Oxford East) Labour

Parliamentary Question - Bullingdon Prison: Death and Self-harm

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many instances of (a) suicide, (b) other death and (c) self-inflicted injuries there have been in Bullingdon Prison in each of the last five years. (PQ8508) (Citation: HC, Deb 14 Sept 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#)

Name of MP: Paul Flynn (Newport West) Labour

Parliamentary Question: Wandsworth Prison: Inspections

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what implications the report of the unannounced visits by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons to HMP Wandsworth will have for his policies on (a) making prisons safer, (b) protecting minority groups in prisons, (c) addressing staff shortages in prisons and (d) providing educational and vocational opportunities in prison. PQ8689 (Citation: HC, Deb 15 Sept 2015 cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#)

Name of Peer

Lord Judd (Labour)

Parliamentary Question - Deaths in Custody Independent Review

To ask Her Majesty's Government what arrangements they are making to evaluate and respond to each of the recommendations in the report of the Harris Review *Changing Prisons, Saving Lives*; when they plan to publish any response; and in the light of that

review, what immediate action they are taking. (HL1267) (Citation: HL Deb, 21 July 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

Name of MP

Paul Flynn (Newport West, Labour)

Parliamentary Question – Prisons: Drugs

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the lessons to be learned set out in the bulletin on new psychoactive substances, published in July 2015 by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman; and what steps he is taking to reduce deaths in prisons linked to the new psychoactive substances. (Citation: HC Deb, 15 July 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

Name of MP

Kelvin Hopkins (Luton North, Labour)

Parliamentary Question: Prisoners: Death

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners have died in each prison in each of the last six months. (PQ 3875) (Citation: HC Deb, 29 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

Name of Peer

Lord Ouseley (Crossbench)

Parliamentary Question – Detainees: Death

To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Faulks on 10 June (HL139), what assessment they have made of the report by the Institute for Race Relations, *Dying for Justice*, and in particular the finding that, between 1991 and 2014, over 500 deaths occurred in some form of custody, resulting in 10 verdicts of unlawful killing, five prosecutions, and no convictions. HL429 (Citation: HL Deb, 25 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

Parliamentary Debate relating to Death in Prison Custody

Name of Peer: Lord Harris of Haringey (Labour)

House of Lords Motion to Take Note – Prisons: Young People

My Lords, I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce this debate. I should make it clear that this is not out of any sense of self-promotion, but because I believe that the issues raised by the independent review that I led are so important. Indeed, I believe that they are important for the Government, because as they wrestle with the comprehensive spending review, they need to recognise that prison is a hugely expensive intervention and yet the benefits of this spend are questionable. It has a relatively low impact on crime, and indeed rates of reoffending are high, particularly among young adults. (Citation: HL Deb, 29 October 2015, c1375)

To read the full debate, please use the link [here](#):

Name of Peer

Lord Harris of Haringey (Labour):

House of Lords Debate: Psychoactive substances Bill (HL) - Report

My Lords, I support the amendment of my noble friend Lord Rosser. As some of your Lordships know, I have spent a certain amount of time in the last year or so visiting prisons in respect of the review that I have carried out for the Ministry of Justice on self-inflicted deaths of young people in prison. Psychoactive substances were not a prime element of our report, although the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman's report issued in the last few days highlighted their increasing significance. I was struck by a discussion with the head of healthcare in an establishment who, when I asked about the level of drug use in the prison, said instantly one word, "Rife", to the embarrassment of the deputy governor accompanying us. That goes to the point made by the noble Lord, Lord Blencathra, about the prevalence of drugs in prisons, and the growing proportion of them which are these new psychoactive substances. The reason they are a growing proportion is because of their undetectability and the fact that it becomes more difficult to identify and prevent them. That is why it is important to have an aggravating factor with regard to the supply of these substances in prisons. (Citation: HL Deb, 14 July 2015, c511)

To read the full debate, please see the link [here](#).

Name of Peer

Lord Bates (Conservative)

House of Lord Debate: Psychoactive Substances Bill (HL) – Report

..... the debate on these amendments distils down to whether we deal with everything in statute—in other words, we turn the clock back to before the Sentencing Council, before the guidelines, before the coroners’ board and before the 2005 Act—or we take robust action to ensure that the guidelines are updated and reformed to reflect the concerns that have been drawn to our attention, not least by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Prisons, as we heard this morning, by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman, by the Children’s Society and others. Of course, the report of the noble Lord, Lord Harris, on deaths in custody, was published a couple of weeks ago, and I am sure the Justice Secretary is considering it.

All these things have to be taken into account, and I undertook to explore this issue with my right honourable friend Mike Penning, who leads on this policy area and is a Minister not only in the Home Office but in the Ministry of Justice. In the days when the Home Office used to deal with everything to do with prisons, some of these decisions were slightly easier to make; however, in Mike Penning we have someone who is a Minister in both departments. (Citation: HL Deb, 14 July 2015, c513)

To read the full debate, please see the link [here](#).

Name of MP

Andrew Selous (The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice (Conservative))

Parliamentary Debate on Safety in Custody: Prison

The number of people sentenced to prison for violent offences has increased by 40% in the last 10 years. In addition, the illicit use of new psychoactive substances—lethal highs such as Spice and Black Mamba—has been a significant factor in fuelling violence in prisons. Last year alone, staff responded to nearly 26,000 self-harm incidents, and they frequently prevent deaths through timely intervention.

..... staff support more than 2,000 prisoners assessed as being at risk, looking after them under the assessment, care in custody and teamwork process. It is to their credit that, through their dedication and commitment, they continue to improve outcomes for offenders and to prevent many self-inflicted deaths and incidents of self-harm. (Citation: HC Deb, 17 June 2015, c102WH)

To read the full debate, please see the link [here](#)

Parliamentary Questions relating to Deaths in Police Custody

Name of MP: Kelvin Hopkins (Luton North, Labour)

Parliamentary Question:

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many deaths in custody are under investigation by police as suspected homicide. (PQ 3874) Citation: HC Deb, 29 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

Parliamentary Debate relating to Deaths in Police Custody

Name of Peer

Lord Patel of Bradford (Lab)

Parliamentary Debate on young adult in police custody

..... I raised concerns about 17 year-olds taken into custody by the police and treated as adults rather than children. I highlighted the case of Joe Lawton, who in 2012 took his own life. His father found him dead with a police charge sheet at his feet. Two days earlier, Joe had been held in a police cell overnight on suspicion of drink-driving. Joe was 17. (Citation: HL Deb, 2 June 2015, c382)

To follow the full debate, please use the link [here](#).

Parliamentary Questions relating to Deaths in the Secure Youth Estate

Name of MP

John Pugh (Liberal Democrat, Southport)

Parliamentary Question: Youth Custody

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many young offenders in custody (a) committed suicide and (b) self-harmed in each of the last 10 years. (PQ 6765) (Citation: HC Deb, 20 July 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

Parliamentary Debate relating to Deaths in the Secure Youth Estate

Parliamentary Questions relating to Deaths of Patient Detained under the Mental Health Act

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Parliamentary Questions relating to Coroners Inquests / Services

Name of Peer

Lord Ouseley (Crossbench)

Parliamentary Question: Detainees deaths - families access to coroners service

To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that the families of individuals who have died in custody or detention have access to justice. (Citation: HL Deb, 10 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use this link [here](#).

Parliamentary Debate relating to Coroners Inquests / Services

Parliamentary Questions relating to Coronial Reform

Parliamentary Debate relating to Coronial Reform

Parliamentary Questions relating to Deaths in Immigration Detention

Name of Peer

Lord Ahmed (Non-affiliated)

Parliamentary Question - Immigration: Detention Centres - Detainees' Welfare

To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the standard of the services provided by the private outsourcing group MITIE at Harmondsworth and Colnbrook Immigration Removal Centres. (HL606) Citation: HL Deb, 30 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

Name of Peer

Lord Ahmed (Non-affiliated)

Parliamentary Question: Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre - Detainees' Welfare

To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the hygiene and stability of conditions of the Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre; and what actions, if any, they have taken to ensure the hygiene and stability of the Centre. (HL609) Citation: HL Deb, 30 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

Name of MP

Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion, Green)

Parliamentary Question: Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centre - 3178

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what measures she plans to take to implement the recommendations of the most recent report on Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centre by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons; and if she will conduct a review of the operation of (a) the families unit and (b) alternatives to detention at that centre. (Citation: HC Deb, 25 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

Parliamentary Debate relating to Deaths in Immigration Detention

Parliamentary Questions relating to Article 2 Compliant Investigations

Parliamentary Question relating to Use of Restraint

Name of MP

Jenny Chapman (Labour MP for Darlington)

Parliamentary Question: Youth Custody: Restraint Techniques

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many times force has been used on children for good order and discipline at (a) HM Young Offender Institution Feltham, (b) HM Young Offender Institution Wetherby, (c) HM Young Offender Institution Werrington,

(d) HM Young Offender Institution Cookham Wood and (e) Parc Young People's Unit in each of the last three years. (HC Written Question 11257 (Citation: HC Deb, 19 Oct 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#):

Name of MP

Kate Osamor (Edmonton)

Parliamentary Question - Police Custody: Restraint Techniques

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the (a) number of instances where restraint was used against people in police custody, (b) age, ethnicity and gender of those people so restrained and (c) number of such people who were experiencing mental ill health when so restrained in the last five years. (PQ **4566**) (Citation: HC Deb, 7 July 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use this link [here](#).

Name of MP

Dan Jarvis (Labour, Barnsley Central)

Parliamentary Questions: Secure Training Centres: Restraint Techniques

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of incidents in which restraint was used in each secure training centre in each year since 2010. (Citation: HC Deb, 16 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use this link [here](#)

Name of MP

Dan Jarvis (Labour, Barnsley Central)

Parliamentary Questions: Young Offender Institutions: Restraint Techniques

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of incidents where restraint was used in each young offender institution in each year since 2010. (Citation: HC Deb, 11 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use this link [here](#)

Parliamentary Debate relating to Use of Force / Restraint

Parliamentary Question relating to Use of Tasers

Name of Peer

Lord Condon (Crossbench)

Parliamentary Question: review on the publication of taser data

To ask Her Majesty's Government what progress has been made in the review of the publication of Taser data and other use of force by police officers. HL442 (Citation: HL Deb, 19 June 2015, cW)

To read the full response, please use this link [here](#).

Name of MP

Kate Green (Labour, Stretford and Urmston)

Parliamentary Question: Police use of Stun Guns: Medical Equipment

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the risks to people fitted with medical electronic devices of the use by police of tasers; and what steps she has taken to mitigate those risks? (Citation: HC Deb, 16 June 2015, cW)

To read the full response, please use this link [here](#).

Examination of avoidable deaths – update and response to the Francis Report

Written Ministerial Statement - Chief Coroner's First Annual Report

Written Ministerial Statement - Immigration Detention

Written Ministerial Statement on Police Use of Taser Statistics

Name of MP

Mike Penning (Minister of State for Policing, Criminal Justice and Victims)

Ministerial Statement: Statistics on police use of firearms 2013-14 & Statistics on police use of Taser 2014 in England and Wales

On 23 March 2015, the Home Secretary announced the suspension of the Police Use of Taser and Police Use of Firearms statistical publications due to data quality concerns, which has previously resulted in incorrect data being published and reported to Parliament. Following an internal review of the reporting process, officials, statisticians and the National Armed Policing Secretariat carried out a data validation exercise together with forces to address these concerns. In addition, the Home Office Chief Statistician wrote to forces' commissioners / chief constables asking them to confirm figures for their force. The Home Office Chief Statistician is now satisfied that the figures provided by forces are of sufficient quality to publish. I am today publishing official statistics on police use of firearms in England and Wales for 2013-14 (financial year) and on police use of Taser in England and Wales for 2014 (calendar year). This release also includes revisions to previously published figures and covers all 43 forces in England and Wales. (Citation: HC Deb, 9 July 2015, cWS)

To read the full statement, please use the link [here](#).

Written Ministerial Statement on the Approval of MMPR

Ministerial Statement - Winterbourne View: use of restraint

Written Ministerial Statement on Deaths in Prison Custody

Name of MP: Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

Parliamentary Question: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what (a) number of suicides took place and (b) what this number is as a proportion of the total by individuals who were not on the Assessment, Care in Custody and Teamwork programme in prison in each year since 2010 (Citation: HC Deb, 01 Dec 2015, cw15827)

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

Name of MP

Mrs Theresa May (The Secretary of State for the Home Department)

Written Statement: Independent Review of Deaths and Serious Incidents in Police Custody

I announced on 23 July my intention to commission an Independent Review of Deaths and Serious Incidents in Police Custody

I am pleased to announce to the House that the Review will be led by Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC.

I said that the Chairman would be someone with the ability to work closely with victims, families and the police alike, and with a proven track record of being willing to ask difficult questions.

Dame Elish has all of these qualities. She was installed as Solicitor General for Scotland on 5 December 2001, and Lord Advocate on 12 October 2006. Since September 2012 she has been Principal of St Hugh's College, Oxford. In June 2015, she concluded an independent review for the Metropolitan Police Service into how they and the Crown Prosecution Service investigate and prosecute rape cases. I am grateful to Dame Elish for agreeing to take on this important work. -HCWS256 (Citation HC Deb, 21 Oct 2015, cWS)

To read the full statement, please use the link [here](#):

Name of MP

Michael Gove (The Lord Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Justice)

Ministerial Statement: Self-inflicted Deaths in Custody (The Harris Review Report)

We are today publishing the independent review report into self-inflicted deaths of young adults aged 18-24 in National Offender Management Service (NOMS) prison custody. The review, announced to this House on 6 February 2014 by the Coalition Government, was carried out by the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody under the leadership of Lord Harris of Haringey.

I wish to thank Lord Harris of Haringey and the Independent Advisory Panel for their work on this important review. Every death in custody is a tragedy. I thank the families of those who have taken their own lives, who gave evidence to this review in order to help avoid this happening to another family. The independent report makes wide-ranging recommendations about the care and management of vulnerable young adults in custody to reduce the risk of future deaths. We will consider these carefully and respond to the report in the Autumn. **(HCWS75)** (Citation: HC Deb, 1 July 2015, cWS)

To read the full statement, please use the link [here](#).

Written Ministerial Statement on Corporate Manslaughter Act