

## LIST OF ISSUES

The investigation will include – but is not confined to - the following issues

1. **Medical care**

To examine whether the medical care of Mr Lodge was appropriate, including the assessment that Mr Lodge was fit for adjudication and cellular confinement on 28 August 1998.

2. **Safeguards against suicide and self-harm**

To examine whether the F2052SH procedure was operated in accordance with Prison Service guidance and whether there are lessons to be drawn about caring for prisoners at risk of self-harm and/or suicide. In particular, to examine the response to information from a day centre manager and Mr Lodge's girlfriend, the knowledge that he had been refused bail, and observations that he was distressed during the adjudication on 28 August 1998.

3. **The incident at Whiston Hospital**

To examine the circumstances of an incident at Whiston Hospital which led to Mr Lodge not being released on 28 August 1998. In particular, to examine whether the Prison Service acted or ought to have acted on concerns expressed by a governor at HMP Garth and the Prison Service investigation.

4. **Transfers, wing and cell moves**

To examine the reasons that Mr Lodge was frequently moved, the regimes he experienced and whether these may have contributed to his vulnerability to suicide and/or self-harm.

5. **The 'minor reports' system**

To examine the impact on Mr Lodge of the 'minor reports' disciplinary system and whether this may have contributed to his vulnerability to suicide and/or self-harm.

6. **The search, the incident in the cell, the transfer to the segregation unit**

To examine conflicts in the evidence about the reasons for a cell search, the justification and conduct of it, an incident in the cell and whether these events may have contributed to Mr Lodge's vulnerability

7. **The adjudication**

To examine whether the conduct and conclusion of the adjudication after the incident in the cell was in accordance with Prison Service guidance.

8. **Was Sonny Lodge victimised?**

To examine whether there were grounds for Mr Lodge's belief that he was being victimised as a result of the incident at Whiston Hospital or for other reasons and what role, if any, this played in the circumstances of his death.

9. **Communications and record-keeping**

To examine deficiencies identified by the Prison Service investigation in communications and record-keeping and what role, if any, this played in the circumstances of Mr Lodge's death.

10. **What has changed at Manchester prison?**

To examine how the care of prisoners at risk of suicide and/or self-harm has changed at Manchester prison since Mr Lodge's death, in particular, in matters in which the Prison Service Investigation into Mr Lodge's death identified deficiencies.