



## NCEPOD PRISON HEALTHCARE STUDY

The National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death ([NCEPOD](https://www.ncepod.org.uk)) has been awarded a grant from the [Health Foundation](https://www.healthfoundation.org.uk), to undertake a review of 'natural' and 'other non-natural' deaths of people who died whilst detained in prison.

All prisons and hospitals (where prisoners are treated) in England and Wales are included in this study. Participation for this study is encouraged by both Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (PPO) and NHS England.

- The deaths of prisoners aged 18 and over who died under prison custody whether in a public or private prison from a death categorised as 'natural' or other 'non-natural' will be reviewed.
- **Retrospective study period:** Deaths between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 inclusive.
- **Exclusions:**
  - Patients under the age of 18
  - Suicides, homicides and self-harm related deaths
  - Patients who died in Immigration Removal Centres and Approved Premises
- **Patients will be identified retrospectively for the study** via using data from the PPO and SystemOne™ records.
- **Data collection:**
  - Ex-prisoners, relatives of deceased prisoners and prison operational and healthcare staff will be provided with links to anonymous surveys and/or invited to join online focus groups.
  - Organisational questionnaires will be sent to prisons, prison healthcare providers and acute hospitals to see what healthcare is provided, and how.
  - Clinician questionnaires will be sent to both prison and hospital clinicians.
  - PPO fatal incident reports, NHS commissioned clinical case reviews, SystemOne™ notes, hospital case notes and coroner's reports where applicable, will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary group of clinicians from prison, acute and community healthcare settings.



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