

DEATHS IN CUSTODY A NATIONAL SHAME!



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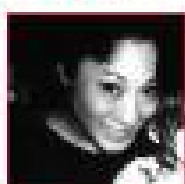
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Over the last thirty five years, over two thousand people have died in police custody, in prison and in secure psychiatric care in the UK. Many of these deaths have raised serious concerns about wilful neglect and others have resulted from acts of violence and brutality involving CS gas, long handled batons, restraining belts and guns. However, no one responsible for the care of these persons, which includes police or prison officers, has ever been successfully prosecuted, even when unlawful killing verdicts have been returned at inquests.

The United Families & Friends Campaign (UFFC) was set up to by the families who had lost loved ones at the hands of the state to challenge the injustice in the system. It began as a network of black families because disproportionate numbers of black and ethnic minority people are dying in police custody. It has now grown to include families of white people that die in custody.

UFFC has expanded to include families from all heritages and religions. It includes the families of Roger Sylvester, Leon Patterson, Rocky Bennett, Alton Manning, Christopher Alder, Brian Douglas, Joy Gardner, Paul Jemmott, Ricky Bishop, Harry Stanley, Glenn Howard, Mikey Powell and Sarah Campbell to name but a few. Together we are building a network for collective action.

For truth, justice and humanity we, together with the Churches' Commission for Racial Justice, urge you to join us in our demands that the Police, Prison Service and secure psychiatric units ensure that basic human rights are upheld for those in their care. The justice system must ensure that when deaths do occur those responsible are prosecuted.



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