

Inquiry launched into the death of Jermaine Baker

Home Secretary Priti Patel has today (Wednesday, 12 February) announced an inquiry to investigate the circumstances of the death of Jermaine Baker during a Metropolitan Police operation on 11 December 2015.

The inquiry will be chaired by His Honour Clement Goldstone QC, who was appointed last year to conduct the inquest into Mr Baker's death.

HH Goldstone wrote to the Home Secretary requesting that a judge-led, statutory inquiry be established under the Inquiries Act 2005.

The Home Secretary agreed that an inquiry should take place and confirmed this to Parliament in a Written Ministerial Statement this morning.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

Establishing an inquiry is important to ensure that all of the relevant evidence can be properly considered as part of an effective investigation into Mr Baker's death.

HH Clement Goldstone QC is an experienced retired judge who has the expertise necessary to deliver the inquiry.

The inquiry will have the same scope as the current inquest which will be suspended after the establishment of the inquiry.

Arrangements for the inquiry will now be a matter for the Chair. The Home Office will provide support and ensure that the Inquiry has the resources that it needs.