

CAUSE OF DEATH EVIDENTIAL HEARING

LIST OF ISSUES

The Inquiry's terms of reference require it "to establish the circumstances of the death of Sheku Bayoh, including the cause or causes of the death". The overarching issue for the cause of death evidential hearing is therefore, "What was the cause(s) of Sheku Bayoh's death?"

The Inquiry will lead expert evidence with a view to exploring the role (if any) in the chain of events that led to death, of the following:

- Asphyxia, including positional asphyxia
- Baton strikes to the head
- Consumption of MDMA (ecstasy) and Alpha PVP
- Excited Delirium, and/or Acute Behavioural Disturbance
- Exposure to incapacitant sprays (CS and PAVA)
- Heart disease
- Restraint and struggle against restraint
- Seasonal rhinitis
- Sickle cell trait and/or sickle cell disease
- Sleep apnoea

The Inquiry will lead expert evidence with a view to assisting the Chair to determine whether any one or more of the factors listed above, either individually or in combination, were causative of Sheku Bayoh's death.

The Inquiry will also lead expert evidence as to the likely cause and timing of the rib fracture.