

CAMPAIGN GROUP CONCERN OVER FATAL SHOOTING BY POLICE

Deborah Coles Co Director of INQUEST, the advice and campaign group that works with the families of those who die in custody said:

“We have concerns about the number of fatal shootings by the police and the procedures for holding the police to account which serve neither the families of the deceased nor the public interest. They remain inherently secret and not independent of the police. The shooting of an unarmed man begs serious questions about police guidelines and training in the use of firearms.”

Note to Editors.

In 1998 there were two fatal shootings by police.

So far in 1999 there have been three fatal shootings by police, of Derek Bateman by officers in Dorking, Surrey on 22.06.99, and Antony Kitts, in Falmouth, Cornwall on 10.04.99.