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**DEATHS IN PRISON NOT INCLUDED IN DRAFT CORPORATE
MANSLAUGHTER BILL**

Deborah Coles co-director of INQUEST the advice, support and campaign group concerned with deaths in custody and their investigation said:

“INQUEST is deeply concerned that the draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill will not apply to prisons. This will mean that even if a death takes place as a result of gross failures on the part of the senior management of a prison, it cannot be prosecuted for homicide. In our view deaths in prison - which could be the result of prison negligence - should be subject to police investigations and possible prosecution in the same way as any other organisation.”

Notes to Editors

More Information	http://www.corporateaccountability.org/press/2005.htm
	www.inquest.org.uk

INQUEST is the only non-governmental organisation in England and Wales that works directly with the families of those who die in custody. It provides an independent free legal and advice service to bereaved people on inquest procedures and their rights in the coroner's courts.