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SUMMING UP IN INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF TINA BROMLEY TO
BEGIN – FIRST OF 13 SELF-INFLICTED DEATHS OF WOMEN IN PRISON
IN 2004

HM Coroner Dr P J Dean
Sitting at:
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On Monday, the Coroner will begin his summing up of the evidence heard in the inquest into the death of 37-year-old **Tina Bromley** who died in HMP Edmunds Hill on 4 January 2004.

The inquest has heard harrowing evidence concerning the circumstances surrounding Tina's death and it is expected that the jury will be directed to consider factors including the following:

- a) That Tina was put on an inappropriate detox regime that was unsuitable for her particular problems which fell short of the time needed for her to detox safely.
- b) That there was a lack of sufficient training or awareness in drug detoxification by some of those involved in her care.
- c) That she was subjected to cellular confinement and there was a failure to obtain a medical assessment as to the effect that this would have on Tina, a vulnerable and at risk prisoner.

The family will be giving a statement at the conclusion of the inquest. INQUEST Lawyers Group members Sarah Ricca of Hickman and Rose Solicitors and barrister Colin Hutchinson of 2 Garden Court Chambers are representing the family

Notes to editors:

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