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## CONCERN AT DEATH OF NIGERIAN MAN IN POLICE CUSTODY

INQUEST is deeply worried about the death of Nigerian man, Frank Ogboru, following his restraint by police officers in south east London.

Deborah Coles, co-director of INQUEST said:

*“This death must be subjected to criminal investigation to ascertain whether a criminal offence has been committed including murder or manslaughter. The dangers of restraint are well known as a result of other deaths involving the Metropolitan Police and this death therefore raises serious questions and concern about yet another black man dying in controversial circumstances.”*

INQUEST has long standing concerns about the numbers of restraint related deaths at the hands of the police and the disproportionate number of deaths involving people from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities. Inquests held into the restraint related deaths of Roger Sylvester (2003) and Andrew Jordan (2006) in Metropolitan police custody highlighted concerns about the dangers of prone restraint.

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### Notes to editors

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See INQUEST website for press releases on the deaths of Andrew Jordan and Roger Sylvester and statistical information on deaths in police custody.