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INQUEST STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF PAULINE CAMPBELL

The staff team at INQUEST are deeply saddened by the news of Pauline Campbell's untimely death.

Deborah Coles, co-director of INQUEST, said:

Having worked closely with Pauline since her daughter Sarah's death in 2003 we were acutely aware of the impact the investigation and inquest had on her as she uncovered the horrendous circumstances in which Sarah died in HMP Styal.

Borne out of her experience, Pauline became a formidable campaigner committed to exposing the injustices and inhumanity of the treatment of women in prison.

Her death should remind everyone not just about the many unnecessary and preventable deaths of women in prison but also of the impact on the families they leave behind.

Pauline was committed not just to campaigning but also to helping INQUEST's work in supporting bereaved families. Most recently she contributed her thoughts about her experiences following Sarah's death for our report *Dying on the Inside: Examining Women's Deaths in Prison*.

INQUEST's tribute to Pauline can be found on our website at http://www.inquest.org.uk/pauline_campbell.html.

Notes to editors:

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 and conducts policy work on the issues arising.

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