



GARETH JOHN CHUMBER-KELLY

CASE STUDY

In their own words!



Family Overview

- I received a Crisis Support Grant
- I would apply for future grants if I need the support
- I would consider attending any future events held by the NMPMFF
- Overall rating of the Case Study process '5 Star'

Benefits one

Received Crisis and Support Grant supported by INQUEST

Benefits two

Signposted to other support services and/or campaigns

Benefits three

The family rated support and signposting that was received from NMPMFF staff and from Assessment Partner (INQUEST) as being 'Extremely helpful'

Application Request

The Mother and children of Gareth John Chumber-Kelly were deeply affected by the tragic death of their 33 year old Son and Father at HMP Pentonville in 2023.

We supported the family with a Crisis Grant towards urgent equine counselling and therapy for two of Gareth's young children (aged 3 and 4). They had suffered significant trauma.

Family Statement

"Thank you so much for the grant and processing my application so quickly, and at a time that I was still going through the Inquest process."

"Gareth's children have been through extreme trauma and have been displaying concerning behaviours."

"I believe that the equine therapy would be very beneficial to them and help towards some kind of healing."



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What happened to Gareth?



Gareth's Case

Gareth Chumber-Kelly, 33, died a self-inflicted death only four days after being remanded to HMP Pentonville. An inquest has found that multiple failures including a failure to refer him for appropriate mental health care contributed to his death.

Since Gareth's death, 12 people have died at Pentonville Prison. At least five of these deaths were self-inflicted.

Gareth was a hard-working and loving father of three from Enfield, London. Resourceful and clever from a young age, he saved up enough money aged 15 to take his mother and sister on holiday. His family remember him for his love of cars, technology, music and Indian food. He had a long history of self-harm and suicide attempts and began using drugs to cope with the consequences of a life-changing brain injury as a teenager.

On 13 July 2023, Gareth was remanded to HMP Pentonville. He arrived at the prison with a suicide/self-harm warning form stating that Gareth said he would take his own life if he was sent to prison. It also noted his history of suicide and self-harm.

This information was not acted on by the prison, prison healthcare provider or mental health team, despite all three organisations being provided with the information. Evidence heard at the inquest also found that important paperwork from Gareth's first night in the prison was lost by the prison.

Read more: www.tinyurl.com/3s62efeb