

SHERIFFDOM OF LoTHIAN AND BORDERS AT EDINBURGH

[2020] FAI 35

Case No: EDI-B752-20

DETERMINATION

BY

SHERIFF T WELSH QC

UNDER THE FATAL ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN DEATHS INQUIRIES (SCOTLAND)
ACT 2016

into the death of

IAN ALEXANDER JOLLY

At Edinburgh on 30 September 2020; following the hearing of unchallenged evidence the sheriff having resumed consideration of the cause determines that in terms of section 26 of the Fatal Accident and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 2016:

- (a) Ian Alexander Jolly (the deceased) was born on 18 June 1947. He died on 29 June 2019 within Ward 101, Room 6, at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. He was 72 years old.
- (b) At the time of his death the deceased was lawfully remanded in custody pending trial in HMP Edinburgh. He had a medical history of transient ischaemic attack commonly known as stroke. In the afternoon of 28 June 2019 the deceased appeared unwell. He declined medical attention. He was checked at approximately 1930 hours but was unresponsive. Medical assistance was called and he was transferred to the Royal Infirmary of

Edinburgh at 1945 hours. On arrival at the hospital he was given a brain scan which confirmed that he had suffered a significant thalamic bleed with occlusion of the 4th ventricle (stroke) and hydrocephalus. His condition was not survivable. Following discussion with his family the deceased was moved to Room 6 on Ward 101 and kept comfortable until his death. At 0515 hours on 29 June 2019 he died. On 3 July 2019 a post mortem was performed which certified the medical cause of death as:

- 1a Haemorrhage right thalamic stroke;
 - 1b Hypertension.
- (c) There are no reasonable precautions I can suggest whereby his death might have been avoided;
- (d) There are no other facts relevant to the circumstances of the death.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Mr Motion PFD for the Crown, Mr Milne, Solicitor for the Scottish Prison Service and Mr Holmes Solicitor for Lothian Health Board extended their condolences to the family of the deceased. I also extend my condolences.