

**Form 3.4 Notice of an inquiry under the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents
and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016**

SHERIFFDOM OF LOTHIAN AND BORDERS AT EDINBURGH

Court ref: EDI-B784-24

LYNNE BARRIE, PROCURATOR FISCAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF
EDINBURGH GIVES NOTICE UNDER SECTION 17(3) OF THE INQUIRIES
INTO FATAL ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN DEATHS ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT
2016 THAT:

1. An inquiry into the death of Stephen Charters, born 7 March 1965, care of His Majesty's Prison ('HMP') Edinburgh, 33 Stenhouse Road, Edinburgh, EH11 3LN is to be held.
2. The inquiry is a mandatory inquiry under section 2(4)(a) of the Inquiries into the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016, death having occurred whilst the deceased Stephen Charters, born 7 March 1965, was in legal custody within HMP Edinburgh, Edinburgh at the time of his death.
3. A preliminary hearing has been fixed for 7 August 2024 at 0930 hours within the Sheriff Court House at Edinburgh, said hearing to be conducted via WebEx.

The Inquiry will be held on 14 and 15 October 2024 at 1000 hours, also at the Sheriff Court House at Edinburgh, said hearing to be conducted in person.

Notice

4. You may wish to seek legal advice and may be eligible for legal aid to enable you to participate in this inquiry.

If you wish to participate in this inquiry you must apply to the sheriff to do so under rule 3.5 of the Act of Sederunt (Fatal Accident Inquiry Rules) 2017.