

# Inquest into the death of Sean Benton

## Scope of the Inquest

1. The mechanism of death;
2. When and where the death occurred;
3. The events of the evening of 8-9 June 1995;
4. Who fired any shots on 9 June and whether any third party action was involved in the death;
5. Sean's state of mind on 9 June 1995;
6. How Sean was assessed and disciplined during his army career and the impact of this, if any, upon his state of mind on 9 June 1995;
7. How the process of Sean's pending discharge from the Army was managed and the impact of this, if any, upon his state of mind on 9 June 1995;
8. Whether Sean was subjected to bullying and harassment at Deepcut and, if so, the impact of this, if any, upon his state of mind on 9 June 1995;
9. How Sean's mental state and self-harming behaviour was assessed, understood and managed at Deepcut - including his contact with mental health professionals and the impact of this, if any, upon his state of mind on 9 June 1995;
10. Whether any systemic shortcoming relevant to June 1995 in the following areas caused or contributed to the death;
  - a. policies and systems in place at Deepcut Barracks in respect of supervision and support of trainees; (including managing recruits who had difficulties in stage 1 training)
  - b. policies and systems in place at Deepcut Barracks in respect of mental health assessment and care of trainees;
  - c. policies and systems in place at Deepcut Barracks in respect of the disciplining of trainees;
  - d. policies and systems in place at Deepcut Barracks in respect of managing discharged trainees;
  - e. policies and systems in place at Deepcut Barracks in respect of guard duty and the provision of weapons.