

Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 15 January 2026 Dignity for the Deceased: update on implementing recommendations from Phase 2 of the Fuller Inquiry	Item No 7
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PURPOSE OF ITEM

To receive a briefing on how Hackney based organisations have responded to the recommendations of the national Fuller Inquiry.

OUTLINE

The Fuller Inquiry was set up to look at how David Fuller was able to carry out abuse of the deceased at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Mortuary and issued an initial phase 1 report in November 2023.

A phase 2 report was subsequently published in July 2025 containing recommendations as to how policy, procedures and practices in mortuaries, hospitals, hospices, ambulances, care homes and the funeral sector needed to be improved to safeguard the security and dignity of the deceased.

The Fuller Inquiry has made extensive recommendations to improve how the deceased are cared for to ensure their dignity, respect, security and in so doing reduce the likelihood that any further criminal activities could take place or for such a long period without detection.

This report sets out how local Hackney based organisations have responded to the recommendations and further work planned for completion in 2026

Attached please find a report from Public Health in the implementation of the recommendations.

The original report and its updates can be viewed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/david-fuller-inquiry>

Attending for this item will be:

Chris Lovitt, Deputy Director of Public Health for City and Hackney

ACTION

Members are requested to give consideration to the reports and the progress made.