

Annex III

Skeleton Questions for Interviews

- (1) Experiences of complex inquest process:
 - First contact of bereaved families with coronial staff;
 - How does inquest process compare/differ from expectation/experiences of criminal court processes?
- (2) What is family experience of participating?
 - Identifying the next of kin;
 - Families at the centre;
 - How are families heard?
 - How does the process respond to families?
- (3) What is impact of families participating?
 - What are possible benefits/problems with families participating?
 - Impact on families themselves;
 - Impact on outcome;
 - Experiences of inquests with no family involvement.
- (4) What affects family participation?
 - Involvement early in process;
 - Access to information;
 - Legal support.
- (5) What role do inquests have in holding the State to account?
 - Rule R43's;
 - Prevention of other deaths;
 - Media interest.