



Coroners and Justice Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 25

PART 1 **E+W+N.I.**

CORONERS ETC

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INVESTIGATIONS INTO DEATHS

Inquests

7 **Whether jury required** **E+W**

- (1) An inquest into a death must be held without a jury unless subsection (2) or (3) applies.
- (2) An inquest into a death must be held with a jury if the senior coroner has reason to suspect—
 - (a) that the deceased died while in custody or otherwise in state detention, and that either—
 - (i) the death was a violent or unnatural one, or
 - (ii) the cause of death is unknown,
 - (b) that the death resulted from an act or omission of—
 - (i) a police officer, or
 - (ii) a member of a service police force,in the purported execution of the officer's or member's duty as such, or
 - (c) that the death was caused by a notifiable accident, poisoning or disease.
- (3) An inquest into a death may be held with a jury if the senior coroner thinks that there is sufficient reason for doing so.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2)(c) an accident, poisoning or disease is “notifiable” if notice of it is required under any Act to be given—

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- (a) to a government department,
- (b) to an inspector or other officer of a government department, or
- (c) to an inspector appointed under section 19 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (c. 37).

[^{F1}(5) But COVID-19 is not a notifiable disease for the purposes of subsection (2)(c).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 7(5) inserted (temp.) (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 35\)](#), **ss. 42(1), 51(3)** (with s. 42(2)-(10))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 7(2)(c) modified (temp.) (25.3.2020) by [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 30(1), 87(1)** (with ss. 30(2), 88-90) (which affecting provision is continued by [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Delay in Expiry: Inquests, Courts and Tribunals, and Statutory Sick Pay\) \(England and Wales and Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/362\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2; but then omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 35\)](#), **ss. 42(11), 51(3)** (with s. 42(12))
- C2** S. 7(5) continued until 28.6.2026 (25.5.2024) by [The Coroners \(Suspension of Requirement for Jury at Inquest: Coronavirus\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/718\)](#), regs. 1(1), 2

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 7 in force at 25.7.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1869](#), **art. 2(a)**

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