



# Record of Inquest

Following an inquest opened on the 22 March 2022 and an inquest hearing at Pydar House, Truro on the 9 January 2025 heard before **Stephen Covell** in the Coroner's area for Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly.

The following is the record of the inquest ( including the statutory determination and, where required, findings) –

1. Name of Deceased (if known)

**Clive Edward William DOWSE**

2. Medical cause of death:

**1a Lower Respiratory Tract Infection**

**1b Cervical Spine & Spinal Cord Injury**

1c

1d

**II Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease**

3. How, when and where, and for investigations where section 5(2) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 applies, in what circumstances, the deceased came by his or her death: (see note (ii)):

**Clive Edward William Dowse died at 0045 on 13 March 2022 at the Royal Cornwall Hospital Truro as a result of a catastrophic spinal injury sustained when he was struck in the face by another resident at the residential home where he lived on 4 March 2022. The residential home provided specialist dementia care. The force of the blow caused the Deceased to fall against a wall pushing his head forward and causing the spinal injury.**

4. Conclusions of the coroner/jury as to the death: (see notes (i) and (ii)):

**Unlawful Killing**

5. Further particulars required by the Births and Deaths registration Act 1953 to be registered concerning the death:

(a) Date and place of birth <b>22 July 1936 Acton, London</b>	
(b) Name and Surname of deceased <b>Clive Edward William DOWSE</b>	
(c) Sex <b>Male</b>	(d) Maiden surname of woman who has married
(e) Date and place of death <b>13 March 2022 Royal Cornwall Hospital Treliske, , Truro Cornwall</b>	
(f) Occupation and usual address <b>[REDACTED]</b>	

Signature of **Stephen Covell** Assistant Coroner