

INNOCENT

Questionnaire March 2011 version

This questionnaire is not a test, and please do not worry if you are unable or do not want to answer any of the questions. It is designed to help us understand your case and to assess whether we might be able to offer you any help or advice.

Please let us know anything you think is important but which may not be covered by our questions. If we have not left enough space for your answers, please continue on a separate sheet, using the question number to show which question you are answering.

Your response and all of its contents will be treated as confidential. Nothing in it will be disclosed to anyone other than the members of your local group who have been appointed to process this information, unless they have previously obtained your permission to do so.

1	Name
2	Date of birth
3	Date of completion of this questionnaire
4	Prison number
5	Prison address
6	What crime or crimes were you convicted of? Which of them did you <i>not</i> commit?
7	Were you offered the opportunity to plead guilty to a lesser charge? If so, what was the lesser charge suggested?
8	Date of crime or alleged crime
9	Where did the crime / alleged crime take place? (including town/city, county/part of country)
10	Name of victim (if there was a victim)
11	Which police force investigated the case?
12	When were you arrested?
13	Why were you suspected of involvement in the crime?
14	Did you answer questions when interviewed?
15	Did you have any co-defendants? Yes / No If so what were each of them charged with?
16	If you had co-defendants, are any of them also claiming to be innocent? Which ones?

17	Your trial solicitor's name, firm and address				
18	Defence counsel (QC / barrister)				
19	Prosecution counsel				
20	Dates of your trial				
21	Which court were you tried in?				
22	Name of the judge				
23	Did you plead guilty or not guilty?				
24	What was your sentence or tariff?				
25	Are you still in prison?				
26	If so, what is your earliest release date?				
27	Do you maintain your innocence to the prison authorities? Yes / No				
	Has maintaining your innocence hampered your progress through the prison system?				
<u>Prosecution evidence</u>					
30	Name of pathologist (if the charge was murder or manslaughter)				
31	Please give the names and occupations of any expert witnesses used by the prosecution				
32	What type of scientific or forensic evidence was used by the prosecution?				
	DNA	firearms	fingerprints	fibres	Mobile phone use: were calls to or from mobile phones used as evidence against you?
33	Cell site analysis (expert evidence showing where phones were used)				
34	Other scientific evidence				
35	Witnesses who were arrested but not charged				

36	Witnesses who expected a reward for giving evidence (for example, witnesses who were awaiting sentencing for a crime they had admitted)
37	Did someone claim to have heard you admit to involvement in the crime when you were in police or prison custody (a "cell confession")?
38	Were any witnesses known police informers?
39	Witnesses who did not attend the trial but whose statements were read out in court
40	Other eyewitness evidence
41	CCTV evidence
42	Please list other items of prosecution evidence
43	Do you know who was actually responsible for the crime? Were they convicted?
44	What was your defence? (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)
45	Did you testify at your trial? If not, why not?
46	How do you explain the prosecution evidence against you? (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

47	Have you previous convictions for any serious crimes or crimes involving dishonesty? If so, were your convictions put before the court?
48	Have you any criticisms of how your trial lawyers prepared and presented your defence? If so, please tell us briefly what your criticisms are:
Since your trial	
49	Have you appealed against your conviction? Yes / No
50	If your appeal has been considered by the single judge, what was her or his response?
51	Has your appeal been heard by the full court (3 judges)? Yes / No
52	If so, what was the date of your appeal?
53	If you have lawyers acting for you at present, what are their names and contact details?
54	Have you contacted the Innocence Network UK (INUK) or any university-based innocence project? Yes / No If so, which?
55	Have you made an application to the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC)? Yes / No
56	If so, when was the application made?
57	Who made the application (you, your lawyer, someone else)?
57	If the CCRC has reached a decision, what is it?
58	When was the decision made?
59	Is this a provisional or a final decision?

Documents		
60	Do you have copies of any of the following documents?	
	Trial judge's summing up	Yes / No
	Advice and grounds of appeal	Yes / No
	Prosecution opening statement	Yes / No
	Defence statement	Yes / No
	Your application to the CCRC and any supporting submissions	Yes / No
	The CCRC's Statement of Reasons	Yes / No
61	Are there any other documents we should see?	

62	<p>Contacts (please add more contact info, if you have it, on a separate sheet of paper)</p> <p>It's very helpful to us if there are people not in prison who support you and your case, and who can attend meetings, help us to understand your case, obtain documents on your behalf, etc.</p> <p>Please include any contact details you can give us for friends and family members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Address • Phone no. • Mobile no. • email address • What is their relationship to you?
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63	<p>Finally: we only support the cases of people who did not commit the crime of which they are convicted, so please answer the following question, and sign your answer to confirm that you are actually innocent:</p> <p>Are you entirely innocent of the offence of which you were convicted?</p> <p>Signed</p>
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Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

The address to which you should send your completed questionnaire is:-

INNOCENT
PO Box 282
Oldham OL1 3FY

When we have studied your answers, we will reply to you and tell you honestly whether we think we may be able to help you, or whether we are not able to help.

We recommend that you read the booklet **Claims of Innocence**, by Dr Michael Naughton and Dr Gabe Tan of the University of Bristol, available free of charge to prisoners, their families and supporters, on request from INNOCENT.

Tick here if you want us to send you a copy