



## Haemophilia Centre Clinician Hearings Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021

**Date:** 22 September 2020 to 26 March 2021

**Registration:** To ensure the Inquiry is able to adhere to social distancing measures, only people who have registered in advance will be able to attend.

**Timetable:** The hearing venue will be open from 9am for registration. Hearings will start from 10am. There will be a one hour lunch break, and a mid morning and a mid afternoon break.

**Location:** Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8AE. The nearest car park is at [Green Parking - Bouverie Street, London EC4Y](#) - a three minute walk. There is bike storage space at Fleetbank House. Details on how to reach the Inquiry via public transport can be found [here](#).

**Coronavirus:** The Inquiry has adapted the hearing venue to reduce the risks from coronavirus in line with our [risk assessment](#).

The closer we are to each other, the easier it is to catch and spread coronavirus. You will have an assigned seat in the hearing room and lounge and we ask you to keep a 2m distance from other attendees outside your own household and to wear a face covering unless you are medically exempt. Hand sanitisation points will be available throughout the venue.

You must not attend the hearings if there is any risk that you have coronavirus or you feel unwell and aren't sure why.

**Hearings:** The Chair of the Inquiry is Sir Brian Langstaff. Questioning of witnesses will be led by Jenni Richards QC. The schedule of witnesses is on the Inquiry website.

**Privacy:** We request that no one takes photos or film inside the building to protect the identity and privacy of those attending.



**Wellbeing:** The wellbeing of people watching the Inquiry is extremely important. The Chair understands that people may need to take a break from the main room at any point, and the proceedings will be shown on screens in other rooms. Confidential psychological support will be available at the hearings from the Inquiry Red Cross team. They will be wearing identifiable lanyards. Telephone support will also be available from 12 to 6 on any day when a hearing is taking place and can be accessed on 0800 458 9473 and 0203 417 0280.

**Memorial:** You can contribute to the memorial sculpture, made up of messages in small bottles about a loved one, yourself or whatever you feel is most important. If you want to think about your message/s before you come to the hearing, the piece of paper is about five by two inches so it can be scrolled and put into a bottle, and you are welcome to write on both sides or keep your message private. If you are not able to attend a hearing but would like to contribute, you are welcome to contact the Inquiry team who will ensure your message is included.

**Refreshments:** Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided. All refreshments will be individually packaged.

**Expenses:** Details of how to claim expenses for attending hearings can be found [here](#). The Inquiry team will be on hand during the hearings to help with claiming expenses as well as any other queries. They will be wearing green lanyards for identification.

**Media:** The hearings will be filmed and live-streamed. People attending will not be shown on camera. Journalists will be wearing yellow lanyards for identification. Broadcast and print media have been requested not to film people without their permission. They will not be filming individuals in the hearing room but they may conduct interviews in specific areas of Fleetbank House or outside.

**Luggage:** Coats and luggage can be stored securely at the venue.

**WiFi:** WiFi will be available for public use.

**Hearing loop:** For those who require it, hearing loop devices are available at the Inquiry reception.

**First Aid:** The Inquiry has a First Aid team available at the hearing venue.

**Fire arrangements:** In the event of a fire, please keep calm and do not panic - Inquiry staff will guide you from the building. You should make your way out of the building and move away from Salisbury Square. After 30 minutes, Inquiry staff will return to Salisbury Square and advise if it is safe to re-enter the building. We will also tweet when the hearing is due to resume.

For any further queries please contact the Infected Blood Inquiry Team on 0808 169 1377 or by emailing [contact@infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk](mailto:contact@infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk).