



## July 2023 hearings

**Date:** Monday 24 July at 10 am, Tuesday 25 July at 10am, Wednesday 26 July at 2pm and Friday 28 July at 2 pm. There is no hearing on Thursday 27 July.

**Registration:** Only people who have registered in advance will be able to attend.

**Timetable:** The hearing venue will be open from 9 am for hearings starting at 10 am, and 1 pm for hearings starting at 2 pm.

**Location:** 8 Northumberland Ave, London WC2N 5BY. This is close to Trafalgar Square, and Charing Cross and Embankment stations.

**Refreshments:** Lunch will not be provided at this venue. Refreshments will be served on arrival, and during the mid morning and mid afternoon breaks.

**Covid measures:** If there is any risk that you have coronavirus, or feel unwell and are not sure why, you should not attend the hearings. You must not attend the hearings if you are experiencing the symptoms of Covid-19, or live with someone suffering these symptoms. Wearing a mask at these hearings will be a matter of personal choice.

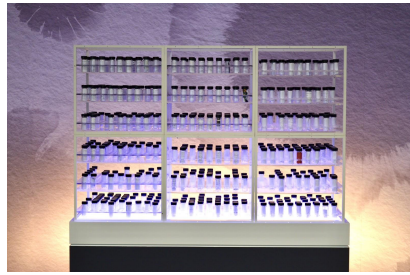
**Hearings:** The Chair of the Inquiry is Sir Brian Langstaff, and Lead Counsel is Jenni Richards KC.

**Privacy:** We request that no one takes photos or films 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. The Inquiry's British Red Cross team offers confidential psychological support. Members of the team will be at the hearings. The phone line is also available from Monday between 11am and 1pm, Wednesday between 7pm and 9pm, and Friday between 2pm and 4pm on 0800 458 9473 and 0203 417 0280. If you would prefer to call at another time, you can leave a message and the team will call you back as soon as possible, and on the same day where practical.

**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 the bottle.



**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 8 Northumberland Avenue or outside the building.

**Expenses:** Details of how to claim expenses for attending a hearing can be found [here](#).

**Hearing loop:** For those who require it, hearing loop devices are available.

**Luggage:** Coats and luggage can be stored securely in the cloakroom.

**Fire arrangements:** In the event of a fire, please keep calm - staff from the venue and Inquiry will guide you from the building.

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).