

## London hearings factsheet

Date: Tuesday 30 April - Friday 3 May and Tuesday 7 May - Friday 10 May 2019

**Times: Tuesday 30 April**: Please aim to arrive for registration from 9:30. The hearings will begin at 10:30 and finish around 16:30. Refreshments and sandwiches will be provided. **Wednesday 1 May - Friday 10 May**: Please aim to arrive for registration from 9:30. The hearings will begin at 10:00 and finish around 15:30. Refreshments and sandwiches will be provided.

Location: Fleetbank House, Salisbury Square, London, EC4Y 8AE

**Hearings:** On Tuesday 30 April brief opening remarks will be made by the Chair of the Inquiry, Sir Brian Langstaff, and Jenni Richards QC, Lead Counsel to the Inquiry. Following this, as on other days, three witnesses will give their evidence. The schedule of witnesses will be



available on the Inquiry website before the hearings. Questioning will be led by Jenni Richards QC and her colleague Sarah Fraser Butlin.

**Registration and expenses:** Please register to attend before coming to the Inquiry via <u>our</u> <u>website</u>. Details of how to claim expenses for attending can be found <u>here</u>. The Inquiry team will be on hand during the hearings to help with claiming expenses as well as for any other queries. They will be wearing green lanyards for identification.

**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. For those who wish it, the proceedings will be shown on screens in separate rooms. Confidential psychological support will be available at the hearings from the Inquiry Red Cross team who have been working with the Inquiry since September. They will be wearing identifiable lanyards. Telephone support will also be available and can be accessed on 0800 458 9473 and 0203 417 0280.

**Media:** The Inquiry has arranged for the witness hearings to be filmed for broadcast. People attending will not be shown on camera. 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. Media will be wearing yellow lanyards for identification.

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

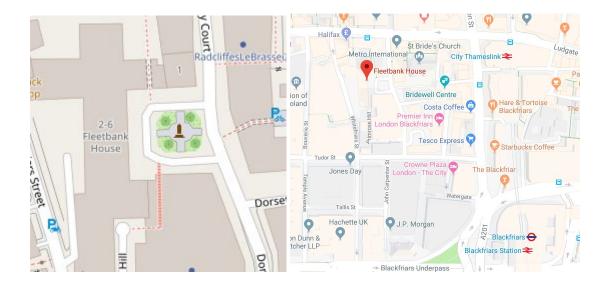
Luggage: Coats and luggage can be stored securely in a staffed room on the ground floor.

WiFi: WiFi will be available on the 3rd floor for public use.

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

**Website:** For anyone unable to attend, the hearings are being filmed and live-streamed on the Inquiry's website (<u>www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk</u>). They will also be available for viewing after the event with a full transcript.

**Map to venue:** Fleetbank House is on the west side of Salisbury Square. The nearest stations are City Thameslink and Blackfriars. There is a dedicated entrance to the Inquiry in the south west corner of the square. Members of the Inquiry team will be outside the building to welcome people arriving each morning.



For any further queries please contact the Infected Blood Inquiry Team on 0808 169 1377. Further factsheets for hearings in other venues will follow in due course.