



## Commemoration and preliminary hearings factsheet

**Date:** Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th September 2018

**Times:** Monday: Please aim to arrive for registration between 10:00 and 11:00. The commemoration will begin at 11:30 and the preliminary hearings will begin at 14:00. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Please aim arrive for registration from 9:00. Preliminary hearings will begin at 10:00 and finish at around 16:30. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

**Location:** Church House, Deans Yard, Westminster, London, SW1P 3NZ

**Commemoration:** A group of volunteers from among the long-term campaigners has worked with a creative team to design the commemoration. It will use filmed interviews, photographs, poetry and music to convey the scale and gravity of what happened.

**Hearings:** On Monday 24th opening statements will be made by the Chair of the Inquiry, Sir Brian Langstaff, and Jenni Richards QC, Lead Counsel to the Inquiry. On Tuesday and Wednesday there will be opening statements about priorities for the Inquiry from the legal representatives of core participants and by those core participants without legal representation. Procedural matters may also be raised. The schedule of speakers will be posted on the Inquiry website.



**Wellbeing:** The wellbeing of people watching the Inquiry is important. The Chair understands that people may need to take a break from the main room at any point. For those who prefer it, the proceedings will also be transmitted to separate rooms. Confidential psychological support will be available from the Red Cross at Church House during proceedings. Telephone support will also be available from 24th September to 1st October and can be accessed on 0800 458 9473 and 0203 417 0280. There will also be access to the Church House chapel for quiet reflection.

**Media:** The Inquiry has arranged for the commemoration and hearings to be filmed for broadcast and all efforts will be made not to film individuals, aside from speakers and legal representatives. Broadcast and print media have been requested not to film people without

their permission. They will not be filming individuals in the main hall but they may conduct interviews in specific areas of Church House or outside.

**Expenses:** Details of how to claim expenses for attending are on the Inquiry's website. 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.

**Luggage:** A cloakroom is available in the basement of Church House for any luggage for those travelling before or after the hearings. Please ensure your luggage is clearly labelled.

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

**Map to venue:** Church House is close to Westminster Abbey. Go through the archway close to the entrance to the Abbey into Dean's Yard and Church House is in front of you on the other side of a small green. Members of the Inquiry team will be there to help with directions. The best entrance for people with limited mobility is on Great Smith Street.



For any further queries, please contact the Infected Blood Inquiry Team on 0808 169 137