



## UPDATE ON THE EXPERT GROUPS AHEAD OF THE PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

To help get to the truth of what has happened in the most authoritative and transparent way possible, the Chair is appointing expert groups to advise him openly. These will cover the relevant fields: not only the clinical specialisms such as haematology, transfusion medicine, hepatology and virology but also medical ethics, public health and administration, psychosocial impact, and statistics.

Using expert groups means that everyone will be able to see what expert input is given to the Chair. The reports of the groups will, as evidence, be fully open, accessible and transparent. Where there are significant disagreements among the experts, these will be tested, explored and challenged openly in the public hearings.

The Chair welcomes suggestions, in particular from core participants, as to whether there are further experts he should invite to join the groups. Similarly he welcomes any offers of assistance from individuals who have recognised expertise to offer. The criteria for appointment to the groups are set out in the Statement of Approach: Expert Groups. Each expert will be expected to give their independent unvarnished views to help the Inquiry resolve the issues it is investigating.

Formal appointments will be made after the preliminary hearings. Core participants will have the opportunity at the preliminary hearings (and throughout the Inquiry) to propose additional experts for consideration by the Chair. The experts who have so far agreed to join the expert groups are:

### **MEDICAL ETHICS**



**Richard Ashcroft** is professor of biomedical ethics at Queen Mary University of London. He has a longstanding interest in biomedical research ethics. He is on the editorial boards of several journals including the Journal of Medical Ethics, Bioethics and

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Health Care Analysis and he is a member of the ethics committee of the Faculty of Public Health.



**Emma Cave** is professor of healthcare law at Durham University. Her principal areas of research include compulsion, capacity and consent. Her latest project considers the implications of the Supreme Court judgement *Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board* (2015) on informed consent. She has been awarded a Scottish Parliament Academic Fellowship to work on information disclosure.



**Melinee Kazarian** is lecturer in law at the University of Southampton. Her research is on healthcare law and criminal law issues as well as comparative law. Her PhD thesis on 'the role of the criminal law and the criminal process in healthcare malpractice in France and England' included comparison of the response to the use of the infected blood in the two jurisdictions.



**Sir Ian Kennedy QC** founded the Centre of Medical Law and Ethics, the first of its kind in the UK, at King's College London. He was a member of the General Medical Council for nine years, a member of the Medicines Commission and the Department of Health advisory group on AIDS. He chaired the public inquiry into children's heart surgery at the Bristol Royal Infirmary (1998-2001) and the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (2009-16).



**Julian Savulescu** is director of the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics. He has degrees in medicine, neuroscience and bioethics. In 2018, he concluded an extended tenure as Editor of the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, the highest impact journal in the field. He is also founding editor of *Journal of Practical Ethics*, which is an open access journal in practical ethics.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADMINISTRATION**



**David Armstrong** researches the sociology of medical knowledge, health services research and factors affecting clinicians' behaviour. He is professor of medicine and sociology at King's College London. He has been a member of the Medical Research

Council and director of the National Institute for Health Research programme on research for patient benefit.



**Mary Dixon-Woods** leads a programme of research focused on healthcare improvement, healthcare ethics, and methodological innovation in studying healthcare as director of The Healthcare Improvement Studies Institute. She is professor of healthcare improvement studies at the University of Cambridge and co-editor-in-chief of the BMJ Quality and Safety journal.



**Anne-Maree Farrell** works on the relationship between politics, policy and regulation in the area of health. She is Professor and Chair of Health Law and Society at La Trobe Law School in Australia. Prior to becoming an academic, she worked as a lawyer in private legal practice in Ireland and Australasia specialising in mass torts, product liability and clinical negligence, which included cases about the use of infected blood products.



**Charles Vincent** is Professor of Psychology at Oxford University and works on how healthcare can become safer. His research includes the causes of harm to patients, the consequences for patients and staff, and methods of improving the safety of healthcare. He has been an advisor on patient safety for the Bristol Royal Infirmary and Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Inquiries.



**Kieran Walshe** is professor of health policy and management at Manchester Business School. He was a healthcare manager before becoming an academic. His research focuses on reforms to health professions regulation, on the use of inspection and rating in the regulation of healthcare organisations and services, and on organisational capabilities and processes for improvement.

## PSYCHOSOCIAL IMPACT



**Dame Lesley Fallowfield** has wide research interests including the training of communication skills for health care professionals and the measurement of quality of life. Her research includes

developing and evaluating training courses and materials to help healthcare professionals communicate with patients, their families and clinical colleagues. She is Professor of Psycho Oncology at the Brighton and Sussex Medical School.



**Dame Theresa Marteau** is Director of the Behaviour and Health Research Unit at the University of Cambridge. Her research interests include risk perception and communication, the development and evaluation of interventions to change behaviour, and the acceptability of government intervention to change behaviour. She was a member of the CJD (Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease) Incidents Panel.

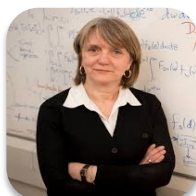
## STATISTICS



**Sheila Bird** is Honorary Professor, University of Edinburgh and former programme leader at the Medical Research Council (MRC) Biostatistics Unit, Cambridge where she is a visiting fellow. She led the MRC Biostatistical Initiative in support of AIDS/HIV studies in Scotland. She has championed the use of statistical method in public policies. She has worked on vCJD through dietary exposure to BSE, and on the design and interpretation of surveillance studies for abnormal prion protein; and on the late sequelae of Hepatitis C virus infection.



**Penny Chan** was scientific co-ordinator of the Krever Inquiry into the use of infected blood and blood products in Canada. She was subsequently on the Canadian Advisory Council on Blood Safety and has spent 20 years as a consultant with the World Health Organisation.



**Daniela De Angelis** is deputy director of the Medical Research Council Biostatistics Unit at the University of Cambridge. Her research develops and applies statistical methods to characterise epidemics, exploiting the complex body of available information on different aspects of the disease of interest. Her work focuses in particular on HIV, Hepatitis C and influenza.



**Christl Donnelly** Christl Donnelly is professor of applied statistics at Oxford University and professor of statistical epidemiology at Imperial College London. Her research brings together and develops statistical and biomathematical methods to analyse epidemiological patterns of infectious diseases, including vCJD and HIV. She is also interested in promoting the public understanding of epidemiology and statistics.



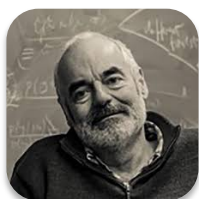
**Stephen Evans** is professor of pharmaco-epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He works in the field of safety of medicines and is also interested in detecting scientific fraud and misconduct. He has been an independent expert for the European Medicines Agency Drug Safety Committee and was an advisor to the Bristol Royal Infirmary Inquiry.



**Nicholas P. Jewell** is Professor of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He has until 2018 been at The University of California in Berkeley. He has worked on statistical issues associated with studies of the natural history of infectious diseases including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) disease, dengue fever, Ebola Virus Disease, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), and H1N1 influenza.



**Graham Medley** is Professor of Infectious Disease Modelling and Director of the Centre for Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Disease at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. His research uses mathematical models of transmission to inform public health interventions. He has advised UK Government on HIV, vCJD and pandemic influenza preparedness.



**Sir David Spiegelhalter** is president of the Royal Statistical Society. He is chair of the Winton Centre for Risk and Evidence Communication at the University of Cambridge which aims to ensure that quantitative evidence and risk is presented to people in a fair and balanced way.

## CLINICAL

The Inquiry has sought recommendations from the Royal College of Physicians, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Royal College of GPs and Royal College of Nursing which will be shared with core participants in due course. The experts who have so far agreed to join the clinical group are:



**Jane Anderson** is Chair of the National AIDS Trust and a past Chair of the British HIV Association. She is a consultant physician in HIV medicine at Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. She chairs the Public Health England External Advisory Group for HIV and Sexual/Reproductive Health and she represents London clinicians on the NHS England Clinical Reference Group for HIV.



**Clare Gerada** trained in medicine and then psychiatry before becoming a general practitioner. She now is senior partner at one of the largest GP group practices in London. She is director of an award-winning confidential NHS service for doctors and dentists with issues relating to a mental or physical health concern. She has been Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners.



**David Goldberg** is a consultant clinical epidemiologist at Health Protection Scotland and has professorial appointments at Glasgow University and Glasgow Caledonian University. He chairs the UK's Advisory Panel for Healthcare Workers infected with Bloodborne Viruses and chaired the Scottish Government's Clinical Review of the Impacts of Hepatitis C, published in 2018.