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Update

Please see our other easy read information if you want to know more about the Inquiry.

Evidence we have heard in 2022



The Inquiry started to hear **evidence** in June 2022.

Evidence is anything that you see, experience, read, or are told that helps us find out what happened.

We have now heard **evidence** from 42 people.



It can be hard to talk about patient experiences. We are thankful for the important **evidence** people give.



Most **evidence** has been heard in public. This means anyone can hear what is said.



Written copies of evidence heard are on our website.



We wanted to finish hearing evidence about patient experiences in 2022. This did not happen.



Action for Muckamore and the Society of Parents and Friends of Muckamore were worried about how **witness statements** were being taken. This was a problem.

A **witness statement** is your story about what happened and what you saw. After it is written down by someone it is signed by you.



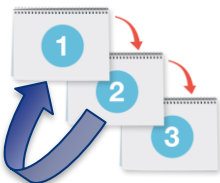
These groups are **Core Participants**. Their evidence is important.

A **Core Participant** is a person or organisation who has a big role to play in what the Inquiry is about.



The Inquiry Chair tried to help these groups with their worries.

Changes to how witness statements are taken have now been made. We hope to get evidence from these groups soon.



The inquiry needs to move forward while we wait for this evidence. We have changed the order we hear evidence to help with this.



We ask for the help of Action for Muckamore and the Society of Parents and Friends of Muckamore to make this happen.



The panel hopes to hear evidence at a later time about

- the rest of patient experience
- how good laws, rules and checks were at the time and
- how things were done in real life.

Hearings in 2023



Hearings are meetings where we listen to evidence.

Hearings will start again in March 2023. We have sent letters to people and organisations asking for evidence. We will hear evidence about 6 things.



1. **The Bamford Review**

What the review said. For example, changes to laws, rules and services for

- people with mental health needs and
- people with a learning disability.



2. **How healthcare is run**

- How money was spent on services and
- How services were given.



3. **Policy and procedure**

Rules and ways staff are told to work.



4. **Staffing**

Plans to get, keep, training and support staff.



5. **Checking services**

How services were checked to run right.



6. **Old reports about Muckamore Abbey Hospital**

How we work with others



We made sure we worked with the police and courts in the way we agreed we would.

An updated copy of this **Memorandum of Understanding** is on our [website](#).



We now have an agreed way of working with the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (BHSCT).



It says that the Trust will be told if evidence says a Trust staff member did something bad. This will help keep patients safe.

A copy of this **Memorandum of Understanding** is on our [website](#).

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Thanks



We would like to thank all those who help the Inquiry. We wish you a happy Christmas. We look forward to working with you in 2023.