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Update

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

Hearings update



Hearings are meetings where we listen to information.

The Inquiry has now heard a lot of **evidence** about

- learning disability and mental health laws
- rules about how staff should do things
- staff job roles
- and how decisions were made.



We have been given a lot of information.
It has taken us more time to look through than we thought.

But we have now heard from around 40 witnesses.

This evidence will help us look at how laws and policies were used in hospital wards.

We still need to

- hear about the Mental Health Commission and
- get some witness statements to share with **Core Participants**.



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



We must also decide what evidence is needed to finish looking at Muckamore Abbey Hospital reports.

We will hear this evidence later in the year.

Patient experience evidence update



Patient experience information is very important. We have tried our best to support people to give this evidence.



Phoenix Law are the lawyers for

- Action for Muckamore (AfM) and
- the Society of Parents and Friends of Muckamore (SPFM).



About half of the people in these groups are working with Phoenix Law.

We are now taking their witness statements.

Anyone from these groups who has not given a witness statement can meet our team and give their evidence.



Phoenix Law have the dates for these meetings and can take witness statements if needed.



We hope to hear all spoken evidence by the end of September 2023.



Witness statements must be made by 11 August 2023 or you cannot give spoken evidence.

The Inquiry Panel will decide if they want you to give spoken evidence.



We can take witness statements with or without any documents you have asked the Trust for.

Judicial Review



The Inquiry has asked for information from the Trust.

The relative of a patient does not want us to have these medical records without them being involved.

There will be a **Judicial Review** about this that will delay some of our work.

Judicial reviews gets a judge to see if the way a decision or action was made is allowed by the law.

Plans from September



We will work throughout the Summer so we are ready to take evidence from September.

We will

- take patient experience witness statements
- take hospital staff witness statements.
- make plans to finish taking evidence about Muckamore Abbey Hospital reports.



We have already written to hospital staff who we want witness statements from.

In October we will begin to hear their evidence.



Napiers Solicitors will give legal advice and support to hospital staff who want to make statements.