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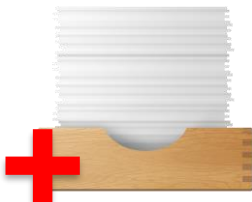
Please see our other easy read information if you want to know more about the Inquiry.

Evidence Update



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

Information we have from 2022 helped us know what evidence we need for 2023.



We have now asked the Trust for more information to help the Inquiry going forward.

Hearings March - April 2023



Hearings are meetings where we listen to evidence.

We will start to hear evidence about 6 things.



1. The Bamford Review and laws

We will look at what the Bamford review said. For example, the need for changes to laws, rules and services for

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



We will look at Mental Health and Learning Disability laws.



2. How healthcare is run

We will look at

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



3. Policy and procedure

We will look at what rules there were for staff and how staff were told to do their jobs.



4. Staffing

We will look at plans to get, keep, train and support staff.



5. Checking services

We will look at how services were checked to see if they were well run.



6. Old reports about Muckamore Abbey Hospital

We will look at old reports and what changes were made.



Experts will talk to us about all 6 types of evidence.



Later in the Inquiry we will see if these laws and policies helped patients.

Hearings in May 2023



Between May and June 2023 we will hear evidence about patient experience.



Phoenix Law are the lawyers for

- Action for Muckamore and
- the Society of Parents and Friends of Muckamore.

They have told us that some people from these groups will make **witness statements**.

Witness statements say what you say happened and what you saw. What you say is written down and you sign it.

It is very important for us to get these witness statements as soon as possible.

Hearings in September 2023



We will start hearing evidence from hospital staff in September 2023.



Radio, newspapers and social media were used to tell hospital staff we wanted to talk to them.



We had 2 online meetings to give hospital staff information about the Inquiry.



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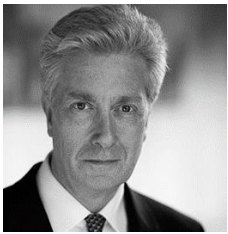
Napiers Solicitors are a law firm.
They can give free and independent advice to hospital staff.



Hospital staff witness statements will be taken by

- the Inquiry team or
- the law firm that takes witness statements for us.

They are called Cleaver Fulton Rankin.



The Inquiry Chair runs the inquiry.
He can make people give evidence.
But it is better for people to volunteer.



You can ask the Chair to give evidence without people knowing your name.



Staff who want to give evidence can fill in a form on the Inquiry website. www.mahinquiry.org.uk

Staff must do this by **31 March 2023**.



We will not tell anyone if staff contact us.

If you need advice or support please call us on **028 9051 5462**.