

Direction 8 – Closing Statements relative to the Glasgow III hearing commencing 19 August 2024 and further procedure



In terms of section 17 of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”), Lord Brodie (“the Chair”) of the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry (“the Inquiry”) directs that:

1. Core Participants should note that there is no longer any intention to produce an Interim Report following Glasgow III in respect of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital/Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow.
2. Counsel to the Inquiry shall submit a written closing statement to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 12 noon on 20 December 2024 and shall then be distributed to all core participants who had leave to appear at the Glasgow III hearing.
3. Thereafter, pursuant to rule 10(1)(b) of the Inquiries (Scotland) Rules 2007, core participants with leave to appear at the Glasgow III hearing may submit written closing statements to the Solicitor to the Inquiry no later than 12 noon on 31 January 2025.
4. It is intended that the Inquiry Team will issue a Provisional Position Paper in respect of the Governance issues that relate to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital/Royal Hospital for Children by the end of January 2025. It is intended to give Core Participants four weeks to respond to this paper.
5. Core Participants should note that it may become necessary to hold an oral hearing to hear closing submissions following Glasgow III. The decision as to whether to hold such a hearing will be made following receipt of closing statements from Core Participants, but if required the hearing will take place on 11, 12 and 13 March 2025.
6. A further hearing will be held for five weeks from Tuesday 29 April 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025 in which all remaining evidence necessary for the Inquiry to address its remit and terms of reference will be heard. This hearing shall be referred to as Glasgow IV.
7. Any Core Participant that wishes to appear at Glasgow IV should make an application to the Chair under the Protocol on Leave to Appear at Inquiry Hearings by Friday 31 January 2025.
8. Counsel to the Inquiry shall submit a written closing statement to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 12 noon on Friday 27 June 2025 and shall then

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be distributed to all Core Participants who had leave to appear at the Glasgow IV hearing.

9. Closing submissions on behalf of Core Participants arising from Glasgow IV shall be submitted to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 12 noon on Friday 25 July 2025.
10. An oral hearing to hear final closing submissions in respect of the aspect of the Inquiry that relates to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital/Royal Hospital for Children will take place on 26, 27, 28 and 29 August 2025.
11. Further Direction(s) in respect of the operation of the Glasgow IV hearing will be issued at the start of March 2025.

Lord Brodie
Chair of the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry
25 October 2024