

Direction 10 – in respect of the Hearings relating to Glasgow III & IV 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. In light of the opinion of Lady Wise dated 4 February 2025 in respect of the petition of NHS GGC, NHS GGC is to lodge with the Solicitor to the Inquiry by noon on 27 February 2025 a written statement in support of its renewed application that the Inquiry receive the evidence of Professor Hawkey, Dr Agrawal and Dr Drumwright in respect of their report on the evidence of risk of infection from the water and ventilation systems at the QEUH/RHC, how that might be accomplished and what steps would require to be taken to ensure that the procedure to be adopted will be fair.
2. Core Participants who wish to participate in the Glasgow IV hearing who wish to make submissions to the Chair in response to the application by NHS GGC or to propose that the Inquiry should hear any other identified witness on the issues likely to be the subject of such evidence should set out that response in a written statement to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by noon on 7 March 2025.
3. Direction 8 (Closing Statements relative to the Glasgow III hearing commencing 19 August 2024 and further procedure) and Direction 9 (Form of closing statements relative to the hearing commencing 19 August 2024 (Glasgow III) and further procedure) are superseded in relation to the matters set out below.
4. The hearing currently set down for 11 March 2025 and subsequent days will now take the form of a procedural hearing on 11 March 2025 and 12 March 2025. It may also include questions from the Chair to Counsel to the Inquiry or Core Participants in relation to issues arising from closing statements to Glasgow III that can be usefully canvassed at this stage.
5. It is now intended that the remaining stages of the Inquiry in respect of the QEUH/RHC will comprise:
 - a) A three-week hearing (to be known as Glasgow IV, Part 1) to be held between 13 May 2025 and 30 May 2025 with a primary focus on the evidence of the members of the NHS GGC Project Team and the contractors and consultants engaged in the procurement, design and construction of the QEUH/RHC.

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- b) A two-week hearing (to be known as Glasgow IV, Part 2) to be held between 19 August and 29 August 2025 to hear such evidence that arises from the decisions made by the Chair at the procedural hearing on 11 March 2025 and 12 March 2025.
 - c) A four-week hearing (to be known as Glasgow IV, Part 3) to be held between 16 September 2025 and 10 October 2025 to hear the remaining witnesses necessary to conclude the Inquiry in respect of the QEUH/RHC.
 - d) Closing submissions by Counsel to the Inquiry arising from Glasgow IV shall be submitted to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 5pm on Friday 21 November 2025.
 - e) Closing submissions on behalf of Core Participants arising from Glasgow IV shall be submitted to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 5pm on Friday 19 December 2025.
 - f) An oral hearing to hear final closing submissions in respect of the aspect of the inquiry that relates to the QEUH/RHC will take place on 20, 21, 22 and 23 January 2026.
6. For the avoidance of doubt a Core Participant granted leave to appear at Glasgow IV are granted leave to appear at all three parts of the hearing.
7. Core Participants are reminded that any question relating to whether witnesses are being asked questions to which they object or are not being asked questions that it is believed they should be asked, or any other issue relating about the conduct of the hearing must be drawn to the Chair's attention at the time the issue arises or made the subject of a formal Rule 9 application.

Lord Brodie
Chair of the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry
17 February 2025