

Stakeholder Update

News and information from the Manchester Arena Inquiry for the week ahead

This week the Inquiry will sit from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th February. Hearings will begin at 10.00am. A small Inquiry team and the witness will be present in the courtroom, and others are following remotely. This week we will continue to hear evidence related to Chapter 10 - the emergency service response to the attack on 22nd May 2017 and will hear from those charged with preparing for the response to a mass casualty incident.

We begin on Monday with Andrew Buchan, Associate Inspector of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Fire and Rescue Services. His evidence will be followed by retired Greater Manchester Police (GMP) Insp David Whittle, a former Head of Firearms Training who was involved in the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Programme (JESIP) and Marauding Terrorist Firearms Attack (MTFA) training.

On Tuesday, we will hear evidence from retired GMP Insp June Roby who will give evidence on multi-agency training exercises. We will then hear from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) Station Manager Michael Lawlor. Mr Lawlor was Civil Contingencies Manager and Lead National Interagency Liaison Officer (NILO) and his evidence will deal with background policies and procedures.

On Wednesday we will hear from the former GMFRS Group Manager and Head of Resilience John Fletcher who will also give evidence related to matters of background, policy and procedure.

National Lockdown Arrangements

The Inquiry will not hold evidence hearings next week commencing 15th February - a pre-planned break for half-term. However there will be a preliminary hearing on Tuesday 16th February to hear submissions on the Inquiry hearing arrangements in this phase of Covid-19 national lockdown.

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The week at a glance

Mon: Andrew Buchan
HMICFRS, David Whittle
GMP

Tue: June Roby GMP,
Michael Lawlor GMFRS

Wed: John Fletcher GMFRS

Support Services:

A number of organisations are available to provide support to those affected by the attack on 22nd May 2017.

The Greater Manchester Resilience Hub, CRUSE Bereavement Care and The Coroner's Support Services provide support to those affected by the issues raised during this Inquiry.

For more information and details on how to access support services visit the [Manchester Arena Inquiry Support Services tab on the website](#).

Watch inquiry hearings

The Inquiry will sit Monday to Wednesday this week, with hearings due to start at 10.00am. The Youtube broadcast begins 10 mins later as it is operating on a delay. The channel is open access and you can watch via this [link](#)