

Stakeholder Update

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

This week the Inquiry will sit from Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th February. Hearings will begin at 10.00am. 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.

The Inquiry will begin on Monday with Former GMFRS Group Manager and Head of Resilience John Fletcher, who will return to complete his evidence related to matters of background, policy and procedure. He is 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 morning we will then hear from Inspector Simon Lear of GMP who will give evidence on MTFA planning and training. He will be followed by Police Sergeant Stephen Henderson of GMP who will also give evidence on planning and training.

On Wednesday there will be evidence via video link from retired GMP Insp June Roby who will give evidence on multi-agency training exercises.

National lockdown arrangements

Hearings will continue for the period of 22nd February to 3rd March with some changes to the format. For this two-week period, the Inquiry will continue to sit for two and half days per week. There will be limited attendance in Court and all others are required to follow the hearing virtually. Spinningfields and the Media Annexe will, for now, remain closed. These arrangements will be revised again after 3rd March. The preliminary hearing on 16th February heard submissions on these hearing arrangements. The transcript, which includes the Chairman's ruling, is available [here](#).

22nd February 2021

The week at a glance

Mon: John Fletcher
GMFRS, David Whittle GMP

Tue: Insp Simon Lear GMP,
PS Stephen Henderson GMP

Wed: June Roby GMP,

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](#)

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](#).