

# Stakeholder Update

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

The Inquiry will sit from Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd March. Hearings will begin at 10.00am on Monday and Wednesday and at the slightly earlier time of 9:30am on Tuesday. This week we will continue to hear evidence related to Chapter 10 - the emergency service response to the attack on 22nd May 2017.

On Monday we will hear from Brigadier Timothy Hodgetts, Chair of the Trustees of the charity Citizen AID, who will provide evidence on his role with the charity and first aid members of the public can apply after a terrorist attack. We will then hear evidence from Margaret Gillespie, who is the Deputy Director in the Emergencies and Resilience Division of The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. She will give evidence related to local resilience forums.

On Tuesday, we will begin to hear evidence from those within Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) who were involved in the emergency response on the night of 22nd May. We begin with Alan Topping, GMFRS Group Manager who was working as Duty Command Support Officer on 22 May. He will be followed by GMFRS Watch Managers Andrew Simister and Neil Helmrich. On Wednesday we will hear from Nicholas Mottram, a GMFRS Crew Manager.

## *Watch Inquiry Hearings*

The Inquiry will sit Monday to Wednesday this week, with hearings due to start at 10.00am on Monday and Wednesday and at the slightly earlier time of 9.30am on Tuesday this week. The Youtube broadcast begins 10 minutes later as it is operating on a delay. The channel is open access and you can watch via this [link](#). Regular updates and guidance on what is happening throughout the hearing are also provided on our Twitter channel @mcrinquiry.

1st March 2021

## The week at a glance

**Mon:** Brigadier Timothy Hodgetts, Margaret Gillespie

**Tue:** Alan Topping GMFRS, Andrew Simister GMFRS, Neil Helmrich GMFRS

**Wed:** Nicholas Mottram GMFRS

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## Support Services:

A list of support services is available on the Manchester Arena Inquiry Website for anyone affected by issues raised in these hearings.

Support is available through the Greater Manchester Resilience Hub, Coroner's Support Services and CRUSE.

For details visit the Support Services section of the Manchester Arena Inquiry website [here](#).

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## Acronyms:

The Inquiry Legal Team has prepared a list summarising the common abbreviations that may be used throughout the oral evidence hearings. This can be found on the Inquiry website documents section [here](#).