# manchester arena inquiry

# Stakeholder Update

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

This week, The Manchester Arena Inquiry will sit from Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd April, starting 9.30am on Monday and from 10am Tuesday to Thursday.

On Monday, we will complete the final day of Chapter 9 - concerned with evidence related to the experience of survivors of the attack. We will hear from Janet Senior, Josephine Howarth and then Andrea Bradbury, a retired off-duty police officer. All were present in the City Room at the time of the attack.

On Tuesday we will revert to hearing Chapter 10 evidence related to the emergency service response on the night. We will hear from James Allen, General Manager of the Manchester Arena, who previously gave evidence in Chapter 7 and will return to provide evidence on his liaison with emergency services on the night and SMG's relationship with Emergency Training UK. We will then hear from Ryan Billington of Emergency Training UK, a first aider who was working at the Arena on the night and who assisted in the aftermath.

On Wednesday, Retired Greater Manchester Police Superintendent Leor Giladi will return to complete his evidence about GMP attendance at Greater Manchester Resilience Forum meetings, his role in planning the JOPs Commander training that took place in early 2017 and GMP Plato policies. That afternoon we will begin to hear evidence from two of the British Transport Police officers charged with arranging and directing the response of BTP resources on the night. Inspector Ben Dawson, Force Incident Manager, took control of the initial response to the bombing and declared it a major incident - his evidence will go part heard overnight into Thursday. On Thursday we will hear from Chief Inspector Tony Lodge who held the role of Senior Duty Officer on the night.

### Support services

A number of organisations are available to provide support to those affected by the attack on 22nd May 2017. These services are available for family members, professionals who have been affected and also professionals seeking clinical advice about their service users. Access details via this link <a href="https://manchesterarenainguiry.org.uk/support-services/">https://manchesterarenainguiry.org.uk/support-services/</a>

#### 19th April 2021

#### The week at a glance

**Mon:** Janet Senior, Josephine Howarth, Andrea Bradbury

**Tue:** James Allen SMG, Ryan Billington ETUK

**Wed:** Supt (Retired) Leor Giladi GMP, Ins Ben Dawson BTP.

**Thur:** Insp Ben Dawson BTP (cont), Chf Insp Tony Lodge BTP

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#### Watch the Inquiry

Each day's proceedings are broadcast in full. Anyone wishing to follow proceedings can do so via the Manchester Arena Youtube channel, available via this link. The channel operates on a 10 minute delay. It is open access and does not require a subscription. Restricted hearings are not broadcast. Regular updates are posted throughout the day on Twitter @mcrinquiry.

#### **Timetables**

The Manchester Arena Inquiry publishes the guide timetable for the week ahead on the Manchester Arena Inquiry website each Friday afternoon. Access them by following this <u>link</u>.