

26th April 2021

The week at a glance

Mon: Chief Insp Tony Lodge (BTP), Chief Supt Allan Gregory (BTP)

Tue: Cont...Chief Supt Allan Gregory (BTP), Chief Officer Robin Smith (BTP)

Wed: Supt Kyle Gordon (BTP), Chief Insp Andrea Graham (BTP)

Thur: Cont...Chief Insp Andrea Graham (BTP)

Stakeholder Update

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

This week, The Manchester Arena Inquiry will sit from Monday 26th to Thursday 29th April. In this phase of Chapter 10 evidence, we will hear from those responsible for Command and Control of the emergency services response on the night. This week we will continue to hear evidence from British Transport Police (BTP) officers charged with arranging and directing the response of BTP resources.

On Monday we will hear from BTP Chief Inspector Tony Lodge who held the role of Senior Duty Officer in the initial phase. We will then hear from BTP Chief Supt Allan Gregory, who took over the role of Silver (tactical) Commander from Insp Ben Dawson on the night of the bombing. His evidence may go part heard overnight.

Then on Tuesday we will hear from BTP Chief Officer Robin Smith, who was Assistant Chief Constable in May 2017. CO Smith was the BTP Chief Officer on call at the time of the bombing and Gold Commander for BTP's response. His evidence will explore the agreement between GMP and BTP that GMP would lead the overall response to the incident, and when ACC Smith became aware that GMP had declared Operation Plato.

BTP Supt Kyle Gordon, who assumed the role of Bronze (operational) Commander on scene at approximately 01:00hrs on 23rd May, will give his evidence on Wednesday. He will be followed by BTP Chief Inspector Andrea Graham, who was Sector Commander for the Manchester area and was the most senior officer on scene until Supt Gordon took over as Bronze (operational) Commander. CI Graham's evidence will continue Thursday.

Watch the Inquiry hearings

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](#).

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:

<https://manchesterarenainquiry.org.uk/support-services/>

Transcripts

A transcript of the day's evidence is published each night on The Manchester Arena Inquiry [here](#). You can search by day, and by chapter and can download and search the PDF document.

