

Stakeholder Update

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

The Manchester Arena Inquiry plans to sit from Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th May, with hearings commencing at 9.30am on Wednesday. We will NOT sit Monday and Tuesday. We will begin to hear evidence from Greater Manchester Police (GMP) officers and staff based within the Operational Control Room who were charged with arranging and directing GMP resources in the initial phase of the response. We begin with Greater Manchester Police Chief Inspector Dale Sexton. CI Sexton was the Force Duty Officer (FDO) based in the Operational Control Room on the night and assumed command of the GMP response in the initial phase.

We will then hear from GMP Police Support Staff Supervisor Ian Randall, the Force Duty Supervisor (FDS) co-located with CI Sexton in the Operational Control Room. As FDS, Ian Randall initially supported the FDO CI Sexton, before then leaving to set up the Silver Command Room. We will also then hear from GMP Police Sergeant Andrew Core who took over as the Force Duty Supervisor from Ian Randall. The final witness to be called this week is Police Support Staff David Myerscough, a radio operator at the Operational Communications Branch who assisted the FDO after the explosion in particular by answering incoming calls to the FDO phone line.

Covid-19 Arrangements

As access across all Inquiry venues is being gradually increased in line with prevailing national and local health advice, all attendees at Inquiry venues are requested to undertake the Covid self testing twice a week. Please use this service to order free packs of rapid lateral flow tests to be sent to your home in England: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests). Kits will also be available at court on request. This is a voluntary measure, however we very much hope that everyone will be happy to participate as we take every precaution we can to keep each other as safe as possible. We will also continue to maintain 2m distancing in all rooms, request face masks be worn in communal areas and continue to ask that if you are feeling unwell you do not attend the inquiry. While attendance continues to be limited, hearings can be viewed on the [Inquiry Youtube channel](#).

3rd May 2021

The week at a glance

Mon: Not sitting

Tue: Not Sitting

Wed: Chief Inspector Dale Sexton (GMP)

Thur: Cont..Chief Inspector Dale Sexton (GMP), Ian Randall (GMP staff)

Fri: Sgt Andrew Core (GMP)David Myerscough (GMP Staff)

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/>

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. Regular updates are posted throughout the day on Twitter [@mcrinquiry](https://twitter.com/mcrinquiry).