

10th May 2021

### The week at a glance

**Mon:** PSS Ian Randall, PSS David Myerscough, Chf Insp Rachel Buckle, PC Paul Lawton

**Tue:** PC Edward Richardson, PC Lee Moore

**Wed:** PC Lee More (Cont) Insp Mike Smith

**Thur:** Insp Mike Smith (Cont) Supt Arif Nawaz

# Stakeholder Update

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

This week, the Manchester Arena Inquiry plans to sit from Monday 10th to Thursday 13th May with hearings commencing at 9.30am. In this phase of Chapter 10 evidence, we will continue to hear evidence from Greater Manchester Police (GMP) officers and staff responsible for command and control of GMP resources in the initial response phase that night.

We begin the week hearing from Police Support Staff Ian Randall who completes his evidence which began on Friday 7th May. We then hear from Police Support Staff David Myerscough, a radio operator in the Operational Communications Branch who assisted the FDO after the explosion. Next we will hear from four GMP officers involved in the firearms response. We will hear from Rachel Buckle a Retired Chief Inspector and the duty cadre Tactical Firearms Commander on 22nd May. We then hear from PC Paul Lawton, GMP Tactical Firearms Advisor. Paul Lawton held the temporary rank of Police Sergeant at the time. His role involved liaising with the Force Duty Officer CI Sexton on firearms strategy. His evidence is likely to go part heard overnight.

On Tuesday we will hear from PC Edward Richardson\* who was nearby in an Armed Response Vehicle and responded to the call on the police radio. He performed the role of Operational Firearms Commander on the night. Please note that due to a restriction order in place, PC Richardson's evidence will be streamed however cameras will be angled away from the witness box to avoid identifying him. We will also hear from firearms officer PC Lee Moore who deployed to the scene as part of the initial response. PC Moore may go part heard overnight.

On Wednesday we will hear from GMP Inspector Mike Smith, one of the first GMP officers on scene after deploying to the Arena arriving at approximately 22:45. Insp Smith assumed the role of Bronze Commander for the foyer area and Victoria Station. Insp Smith may go part heard overnight. Finally on Thursday we will hear from Superintendent Arif Nawaz who was the GMP Force night Silver on the night. He may complete his evidence on Monday 17th May.

**Find the weekly Inquiry Timetable on the website [here](#)**

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### 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/>

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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. Regular updates are posted throughout the day on Twitter [@mcrinquiry](#).

