

17th May 2021

### The week at a glance

**Mon:** Supt Arif Nawaz, Supt Chris Hill

**Tue:** Supt Chris Hill (Cont..), DCC Debbie Ford

**Wed:** DCC Debbie Ford (Cont...) Supt Mark Dexter

**Thur:** Supt Mark Dexter (Cont...)

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

# 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 17th to Thursday 20th May with hearings commencing at 9.30am. In this phase of Chapter 10 evidence, we will continue to hear from Greater Manchester Police (GMP) officers and staff responsible for command and control of GMP resources, including firearms response, that night.

On Monday we will hear from Superintendent Arif Nawaz who was the GMP Force night Silver on the night and Superintendent Chris Hill who took over as Silver Commander around midnight. His evidence is likely to go part-heard overnight.

On Tuesday we will hear from Deputy Chief Constable Debbie Ford, who on the night was an Assistant Chief Constable with GMP and the Force Duty Gold Commander and Duty Strategic Firearms Commander. Her evidence may go part-heard overnight.

On Wednesday we will hear from GMP Superintendent Mark Dexter who self-deployed to the Arena on 22nd May and acted as the Ground Assigned Tactical Firearms Commander at the scene. His evidence will continue into Thursday.

### **Covid**

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-covid-19-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 social distance measures 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](#).

---

### Watch the 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. 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/>