

24th May 2021

The week at a glance

Mon: Supt Craig Thompson (GMP), Laura Lewis (GMP)

Tue: Laura Lewis (Continued), Patrick Ennis (NWAS)

Wed: Patrick Ennis (Continued), Daniel Smith (NWAS)

Thur: Daniel Smith (Continued), Dr Michael Daley (NWAS)

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 24th to Thursday 27th May with hearings commencing at 9.30am. The Inquiry is continuing to hear evidence related to Chapter 10 - the emergency service response on the night.

We will first 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 retired Superintendent Craig Thompson, who took over as Tactical Firearms Commander based at Force HQ. We then hear from Police Staff Laura Lewis (GMP) Emergency Command Planning Command Coordinator who set up the Silver room and talkgroup. Ms Lewis deployed to the Force HQ that night in her role as Gold and Silver Command Room Manager and was involved in setting up the Manchester Arena event talkgroup. Her evidence may go part heard overnight.

We will then hear from North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) personnel, beginning on Tuesday with Advanced Paramedic Patrick Ennis who is returning to complete the evidence he began earlier in Chapter 10. His evidence will deal with his actions in the City Room and may go part heard overnight. We will then hear from NWAS Consultant Paramedic Daniel Smith on Wednesday who was the Operational (Bronze) commander and Dr Michael Daley on Thursday. Dr Daley was a Consultant Anaesthetist who attended the Arena as an on-call MERIT doctor

Covid-19 Arrangements

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-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 2m distance in all rooms, request face masks be worn in communal areas and ask that if you are feeling unwell you do not attend the inquiry.

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](https://twitter.com/mcrinquiry).