

14th June 2021

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 14th to Wednesday 16th June with hearings commencing at 10.00am. The Inquiry begins the week continuing to hear evidence from North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) personnel about their response on the night and emergency service operational planning policies.

On Monday we will hear from Neil Barnes, NWAS Deputy Director of Quality and Strategic (Gold) Commander on the night. Mr Barnes attended the Strategic Coordination Group at Greater Manchester Police Headquarters. We will then hear a summary of previously recorded and written evidence from Annemarie Rooney, NWAS Sector Manager for Central Manchester and the Tactical (Silver) Commander on the night.

On Tuesday we will hear from two NWAS Resilience Managers and on-call Tactical Advisors, Jonathan Butler and Stephen Taylor. Mr Butler mobilised to the Tactical Coordinating Group at Greater Manchester Police HQ to provide assistance to Annemarie Rooney, while Mr Taylor provided advice and assistance remotely. We will then hear from Paul Argyle who is giving evidence as the Deputy County Fire Officer for GMFRS. Mr Argyle previously gave evidence in February as the former Chair of the Greater Manchester Resilience Forum (GMRF).

On Wednesday we will conclude the week's evidence with Neil Gaskell, a retired Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Station Manager, who was the GMFRS MTFA lead responsible for training and exercising.

Volume One Report Publication

The Inquiry will publish Volume One report on Thursday, June 17th at 2pm. The Chairman will make a short statement in the hearing room on publication which can be viewed on the [Inquiry Youtube channel](#). The report will be available to read from 2pm on the [Manchester Arena Inquiry Website](#).

The week at a glance

Mon: Neil Barnes NWAS, Summary of evidence from Annemarie Rooney NWAS

Tue: Jonathan Butler MWAS, Stephen Taylor NWAS, Paul Argyle GMFRS

Wed: Neil Gaskell GMFRS

Thur: Volume One Report publication

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/>

Covid-19

All attendees at Inquiry venues continue to be 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: [\(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).