

## Stakeholder Update

w/c 1 November 2021

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

The Inquiry will be in closed session.

**From 1 November, the Inquiry will be in closed session for three weeks to hear Chapter 14 evidence covering preventability. During closed hearings, evidence will not be broadcast on the Inquiry YouTube channel, and no transcript will be made available.**

The Inquiry will hear evidence from witnesses from MI5 and Counter-Terrorism Policing (CTP) and from two experts instructed on the Chairman's behalf.

There are to be four MI5 witnesses. One of those witnesses is Witness J, whose evidence will address the decision-making in relation to the handling of information received on two separate occasions in the months prior to the attack, and other topics. The four witnesses from MI5 giving evidence worked for MI5 at the time of the attack.

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### Watch the Inquiry

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The Inquiry will hear evidence from 10 CTP North West witnesses. Of those 10, four can be named: Detective Superintendent Dominic Scally, former Detective Inspector Frank Morris, Detective Sergeant Paul Costello, and Detective Sergeant James Coles. At the time to which their evidence refers, all these witnesses worked in the intelligence section of Counter-Terrorism Policing in the North West. All were involved in obtaining, assessing and investigating information and intelligence relating to national security. At the relevant time, four of the witnesses were Greater Manchester Police (GMP) officers, working for CTP North West. One was a Merseyside police officer working at CTP North West, and one was a member of police staff employed as an analyst.

**The Inquiry will next sit in open session at 09:30 on 22 November 2021.**