



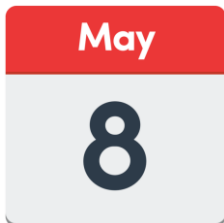
Update

Please see our other easy read information if you want to know more about the Inquiry.

Hearings update

Hearings are meetings where we listen to evidence.

Evidence is anything that you see, experience, read, or are told that helps us find out what happened.



8th May 2024

- We will hear spoken evidence from Clare Byrne.
- Witness statements H471 and H137 will be read out.

Witness statements say what you say happened and what you saw. What you say is written down and you sign it.

We will not hear evidence from 1 witness today because of a family health issue. They will give evidence next week.



9th May 2024

- We will not hear evidence.

Witness H231 will not give spoken evidence. Medical evidence shows this would not be right. Their witness statement will be read instead.

This evidence will be read another day.



13 May 2024

- We will hear spoken evidence from A12.
- Evidence from H231 will be read out.



14th May

- H284 and H73 will give spoken evidence.



15 May 2024

- H260 will give spoken evidence.
- The witness statements of Geraldine O’Hagan, H339 and H230 will be read out.



Geraldine O’Hagan is a family Liaison officer. Her statement has only just been finished and shared with Core Participants.

A **Core Participant** is a person or organisation who has a big role to play in what the Inquiry is about.

Documents came with her statement. Some had sentences covered up so you could not read them. We have problems with this so they will not be shared yet.

Normally witness statements would not be shared without documents that come with them. However, we have good reasons for doing this.



20 May 2024 and 21 May 2024

- We will not hear spoken evidence.

This gives everyone a chance to read evidence.

May

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May

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22 May 2024 - 30 May 2024

We will hear evidence about

- **Patient advocacy and representation**

How patients were supported to have their voices heard.

- **Professional education**

Whether staff had the right training to do their jobs.

- **Regulation**

How services were checked to see if they ran well.

- **RQIA**

How RQIA checked services and made them better.

- **PSNI**

How the Police Service were involved.



June

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June

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3 June 2024 to 11 June 2024

- We will hear staff evidence.

June

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June

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17 June 2024 – 20 June 2024

We will hear about the Ennis Report.

June

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24 June 2024

We will hear evidence about

- **Resettlement**

How people were moved out of hospital to homes that could support their needs.



September

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9 September 2024 - early November 2024

We will hear evidence about

- **Operational management**

How the hospital was run.

- **Professional organisation and oversight**

How hospital services were run and checked.

- **Trust Board**

How top decision-makers in the Trust did their jobs.

- **Department of Health**

How well the government did its job.



Hospital Staff Witness Statements



Clever Fulton Rankin are the lawyers that take witness statements for us.

This helps us work well with the police and courts.



They have taken staff, patient and relative witness statements.



It has taken longer to get staff witness statements than we wanted.



We are grateful to hospital staff who have given witness statements when asked.

Ennis Report Witness Statements

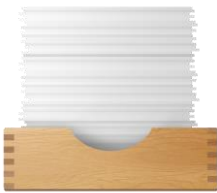


Cleaver Fulton Rankin will take witness statements for people giving evidence about the Ennis Report.

Only 1 witness has not agreed to this.



We will explain more about the 1 witness statement that has not been given to our lawyers later.



We have put together useful documents for witnesses about the Ennis report. This was to help witnesses give us new evidence.

Witnesses could look at other documents too if they wanted to.

Restriction Orders



Restriction Orders are instructions from a court.

There have been changes to our Restriction Orders.



Restriction Order Number 4

This restriction order said that past and present ward staff could not be named if someone said they took part in abuse. It has been changed.



Inquiry solicitors can now tell a witness the names of a staff members who said they did something wrong.



Ennis Report Restriction Order

Restriction Order 53 is new and replaces an older one.

It looks at what sentences need to be covered up so you can not read them in Ennis Report

- Witness statements and
- Documents.