



CHIEF CORONER

**INQUESTS ARISING FROM THE DEATHS IN THE WESTMINSTER TERROR
ATTACK OF 22 MARCH 2017**

DIRECTIONS FROM THE SECOND PRE-INQUEST REVIEW

HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2018

Interested Persons

1. The London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (“LEFPA”) is designated an Interested Person for the Inquests into the deaths of Kurt Cochran, Andreea Cristea, Aysha Frade, Leslie Rhodes and PC Keith Palmer, having sufficient interest for the purposes of section 47(2)(m) Coroners and Justice Act 2009.
2. Barts Health NHS Trust (“Barts”) is designated an Interested Person for the Inquests into the deaths of Andreea Cristea, PC Keith Palmer and Khalid Masood, having sufficient interest for the purposes of section 47(2)(m) Coroners and Justice Act 2009.

Structure of the Inquests

3. The Inquests into the deaths of Kurt Cochran, Leslie Rhodes, Aysha Frade, Andreea Cristea and PC Keith Palmer shall be heard together, and shall be heard separately from the Inquest into the death of Khalid Masood.

Scope

4. The indicative scope of the Inquests is set out in the annex to these directions (which identifies topics for inquiry).

Jury

5. The Inquests into the deaths of the five individuals identified in para. 3 above shall not be heard with a jury.
6. The Inquest into the death of Khalid Masood shall be heard with a jury.

Article 2

7. Article 2, ECHR, is not found to be engaged at this time and on the material available. This preliminary decision shall be kept under review.

Disclosure

8. Solicitors to the inquests will arrange for each Interested Person's legal representatives to provide appropriate confidentiality undertakings.
9. Disclosure of documents will be provided to Interested Persons whose representatives have given such undertakings. Disclosure will be arranged in tranches and will be provided by means of an electronic document management system.

Metropolitan Police Service Anonymity Applications

10. The Metropolitan Police Service ("MPS") makes an application for anonymity of two of its officers, and for associated special measures. It is anticipated that a related application will be made for reporting restrictions under section 11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981. Counsel to the Inquests have made submissions that there are very strong factors in favour of these applications being granted and no objection has been made by any Interested Person. Any media organisation which wishes to make submissions shall request a copy of the application from the Solicitor to the Inquests and shall provide such submissions in writing by 4pm on 29 January 2018 to the Solicitor to the Inquests.
11. The application will be determined on the papers unless the Chief Coroner considers that there is a need for a further hearing.

Third Pre-Inquest Review Hearing

12. A date shall be fixed provisionally for a further Pre-Inquest Review Hearing. The Solicitor to the Inquest shall write to Interested Persons when a date is fixed.
13. This hearing may be vacated in due course should it not be required.

Inquest Hearings

14. The Hearing of the Inquests into the deaths of the five victims shall commence on 10 September 2018 at the Central Criminal Court.
15. The Hearing of the Inquest into the death of Kahlid Masood shall commence after the conclusion of those five Inquests.

15 January 2018

HIS HONOUR JUDGE LUCRAFT QC

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INDICATIVE SCOPE

A. For **all the Inquests**, it will be appropriate to consider some evidence of the background to the attacks, including –

- (i) Khalid Masood's personal history;
- (ii) whether and how he had come to the attention of the authorities before the attacks, and in particular whether his activities gave any warning signs (to include some consideration of his police record and what was known to the authorities with regard to his association with extremists);
- (iii) his planning and preparation for the attacks (including his obtaining the vehicle and weapons, and any reconnaissance);
- (iv) his dealings with others in the period before the attacks;
- (v) his movements in the days and hours immediately preceding the attacks.

B. For the Inquests concerning **Kurt Cochran, Leslie Rhodes, Aysha Frade** and **Andreea Cristea**, it will be appropriate to consider:

- (i) the sequence of events on the Bridge and surrounding area, including the manner in which each person sustained serious injuries (using witness evidence, forensics and audio-visual evidence to establish how each of them suffered their injuries);
- (ii) the care, assistance and treatment given to each of them (including efforts of those at the scene and, where relevant, treatment by paramedics and/or in hospital);
- (iii) the injuries sustained by each of them and medical cause of death of each of them.

C. For the Inquest concerning **PC Palmer**, it will be appropriate to consider:

- (i) by way of background, the sequence of events on the Bridge and the following events, from Khalid Masood leaving his car to his entering the Palace gates;
- (ii) the attack on PC Palmer;
- (iii) the aftermath of the attack and the care, assistance and treatment given to him;
- (iv) the injuries he sustained in the attack and the medical cause of his death;
- (v) security arrangements and precautions at the Palace (but only so far as relevant to his death);
- (vi) the protection afforded by his body armour.

D. For the Inquest concerning **Khalid Masood**, it will be appropriate to consider:

- (i) by way of background, the sequence of events on the Bridge and the following events, from Khalid Masood leaving his car to his entering the Palace gates;
- (ii) the attack on PC Palmer;
- (iii) the confrontation between the armed officers and Khalid Masood, and the fatal shooting;
- (iv) the aftermath of the shooting and medical assistance given to Khalid Masood;
- (v) the injuries he sustained and the medical cause of his death.