

HM SENIOR CORONER FOR INNER WEST LONDON

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

Directions from the Pre-Inquest Hearing of 19 May 2017

Interested Persons

1. The following are designated interested persons within the meaning of section 47(2) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009:
 - (a) in relation to each inquest, members of the family of the deceased person within the scope of section 47(2)(a);
 - (b) in relation to each inquest, the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis;
 - (c) in relation to each inquest, the Secretary of State for the Home Department;
 - (d) in relation to each inquest, the London Ambulance Service;
 - (e) in relation to the inquest into the death of Khalid Masood, the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

Disclosure and CCTV Viewing

2. Disclosure of the following documents shall be given by 2 June 2017 to all persons designated interested persons:
 - (a) Tier 1 witness statements held by the Metropolitan Police Service (“MPS”) (subject to appropriate redactions for personal sensitive information);
 - (b) witness statements received by that time from NHS trusts responsible for the care and treatment of those who died (subject to any objections received before 2 June 2017 and to any appropriate redactions for personal sensitive information);
 - (c) post-mortem examination reports.That disclosure shall be provided by electronic means, in the absence of any decision or direction to the contrary.
3. The MPS is to make arrangements for interested persons to view a compilation of CCTV footage of the events of 22 March 2017, on reasonable notice and subject to police supervision.

4. The disclosure referred to in paragraph 2 above and the CCTV viewing referred to in paragraph 3 above shall in the case of each interested person be subject to the provision of written confidentiality undertakings in specified form.

Anonymity / Special Measures Applications

5. The following directions shall apply to applications for anonymity, special measures and related reporting restrictions:
 - (a) All such applications and supporting evidence are to be sent to the Coroner's office by 4pm on 3 July 2017.
 - (b) Where anonymity applications or supporting evidence contain personal characteristics, details relating to children, third parties or confidential aspects of an applicant's private and/or family life, the applicant will provide both redacted and non-redacted applications and evidence to the Coroner's office.
 - (c) Redacted documents will be provided to other interested persons by 4pm on 10 July 2017.
 - (d) Any objections to the applications are to be sent to the Coroner's office by 4pm on 1 August 2017.
 - (e) Absent objection, a determination will be made by the coroner conducting the inquests whether he/she is minded to grant anonymity as requested on the papers. If so, the application will be granted and the interested persons notified.
 - (f) If the coroner is not so minded, then the applicant will be notified so that an oral hearing can be requested.
 - (g) The coroner will hear any oral argument in relation to the applications at a pre-inquest hearing to be scheduled in September 2017 and will make a determination at that hearing or a convenient date thereafter.

Consideration by the Chief Coroner of Request for Nomination of a Judge

6. The Chief Coroner intends to consider whether or not to make a request to the Lord Chief Justice that the inquests be conducted in the future by a judge. Any interested person wishing to make representations on that subject to the Chief Coroner is to send those representations by email to his office by 4pm on 9 June 2017. The email address for his office is: chiefcoronersoffice@judiciary.gsi.gov.uk.