

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

SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF BARTS AND THE LONDON NHS TRUST (“BARTS”)

1. Barts remains neutral on the issues which have arisen, but has some interest in the application to adjourn the inquest concerning PM Palmer. Barts employed (at the relevant time) the HEMS doctor who treated PC Palmer, **Dr Anthony Hudson**, who is currently due to give evidence on **Monday 18 September 2018**.

2. Dr Hudson is a Consultant in Emergency Medicine, now at St George’s Hospital. He is a senior member of medical staff; it is well known that there is significant pressure on hospital emergency departments, and there are rotas for doctors which are arranged well in advance.

3. Adjourning Dr Hudson’s evidence is likely to cause disruption, since Dr Hudson is not on the rota on 18 September 2018 and would be unavailable also on a future date. That disruption is greater given Dr Hudson’s seniority and the number of patients and staff who rely on him. We simply ask that this disruption should be taken into account in considering whether an adjournment should be made.

SEBASTIAN NAUGHTON
13 September 2018

Serjeants’ Inn Chambers
London