

Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry Direction 1: Opening Statements at Hearing on the impacts of Health and Social Care commencing on 24 October 2023

In terms of section 17 of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”), Lord Brailsford (“the Chair”) of the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry (“the Inquiry”) directs that any participant with leave to appear at the diet of hearings on the impacts of Health and Social Care due to commence on 24 October 2023 (“the hearing”) may:

1. Submit a statement in writing to the Inquiry to be received no later than 12 noon on 16th October 2023, consisting of no more than 10 pages of A4 paper using font size 12 point and line space 1.5. The statement should be submitted electronically to: coreparticipants@scotland19inquiry.scot and
2. Subject to having provided a statement in writing by that date, make an oral submission in support of that written statement on the first day of the hearing of no more than 20 minutes. When submitting their written statement, core participants must state whether they wish to make an oral submission at the hearing.

In both cases directed solely at the topics for the hearing as specified in the Appendix to this Direction and oral submissions from core participants granted leave to appear will be heard in alphabetical order on commencement of the hearing.

Lord Brailsford – Chair to the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry
29 September 2023

NOTE

The Chair considers that it would be helpful to the conduct of the Inquiry to invite written statements ahead of the opening of the hearing due to commence on 24 October, and to permit brief oral submissions in support of the written statement on the opening day by those who have submitted written statements by the deadline for submission. Any written or oral submissions should, however, be directed solely at the topics for the hearing as specified in the Appendix to this Direction.

It should be noted that this Direction does not require core participants with leave to appear at the hearing to make either a written submission or an oral submission. The decision as to whether to do so is entirely one for each core participant, and they should do so only in so far as they consider that it is appropriate and helpful to the Inquiry.

Appendix to Direction 1: Opening Statements at Hearing on the impacts of Health and Social Care commencing on 24 October 2023

1. The impacts of the strategic decision making in relation to the themes of Health and Social Care in so far as are matters related to the Inquiry's [Terms of Reference](#).