



**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**  
**CHANGE IN RECOGNISED LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE**  
**MODULE 6 - REGULATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (RQIA)**

1. On 8 February 2024, I designated RQIA with Core Participant status in Module 6.
2. On 13 February 2024, RQIA confirmed to the Inquiry that Mr Sean McDermott would be its recognised legal representative.
3. On 7 June 2024, the Inquiry was informed that Joanne Witheford on behalf of DWF Law LLP was instructed to be RQIA's representative. In the same correspondence, it was requested that Joanne Witheford be designated as the recognised legal representative for RQIA.
4. Accordingly, as I am satisfied that RQIA has appointed Joanne Witheford as its qualified lawyer, I designate Ms Witheford as its recognised legal representative in Module 6 in accordance with Rule 6(1) of the Inquiry Rules 2006.

**Rt Hon Baroness (Heather) Hallett DBE**  
**Chair of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry**  
**10 June 2024**