



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

DE-DESIGNATION OF CORE PARTICIPANT STATUS

1. On 17 September 2024, the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated as a Core Participant in Module 10 of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry to make an application to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 15 October 2024.
2. An application for Core Participant status was made on behalf of the Prison And Immigration Detention Advocacy Group ("PIDAG"), consisting of (1) The Howard League for Penal Reform, (2) Bail for Immigration Detainees, (3) The Prison Reform Trust and (4) Medical Justice.
3. PIDAG was subsequently granted Core Participant status in Module 10.

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4. On 6 June 2025, PIDAG's recognised legal representative formally notified the Inquiry that PIDAG no longer wished to be a Core Participant in Module 10. The following paragraphs set out my determination of this application.
5. Rule 5(3) of the Inquiry Rules 2006 provides as follows:
 - (3) A person ceases to be a Core Participant on:
 - (a) the date specified by the chairman in writing; or
 - (b) the end of the inquiry.
6. As PIDAG has indicated that they no longer wish to be designated as a Core Participant in Module 10, I have decided that they should cease to have that role.
7. Helen Mowatt of Public Interest Law Centre was designated as PIDAG's legal representative in accordance with Rule 6(1). As a result of this notice, Ms Mowatt will no longer be PIDAG's legal representative in this investigation.
8. I would like to thank PIDAG for the assistance that they have provided to the Inquiry to date. It remains open to them to re-apply for Core Participant status at any stage should their circumstances change. Any future application would be considered on its own merits.

Rt Hon Baroness (Heather) Hallett DBE
Chair of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry
11 June 2025