



**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 of DWF Law LLP would be replacing Mr McDermott as the qualified lawyer appointed to act on the behalf of RQIA. On 10 June 2024, I appointed Ms Witheford of DWF Law LLP as RQIA's recognised legal representative.
4. On 23 June 2025, the Inquiry was informed that Julia Dickens of DWF Law LLP would be replacing Ms Witheford as the qualified lawyer appointed to act on the behalf of RQIA.
5. I am satisfied that RQIA has appointed Ms Dickens as its qualified lawyer and I therefore designate Ms Dickens 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**  
**26 June 2025**