



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

CHANGE IN RECOGNISED LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

MODULES 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 - THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

1. The Department of Health and Social Care is a Core Participant in Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, being so designated on 7 September 2022, 13 October 2022, 18 January 2023, 17 July 2023, 12 December 2023, 8 February 2024, 17 May 2024 and 8 July 2024 respectively. At the same time, I designated Sarah Wise as its qualified lawyer in relation to Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8, and Arfan Bhatti as its qualified lawyer in relation to Module 5.
2. On 29 July 2025, the Inquiry was informed that from 8 August 2025 Rian Chubb would be acting as the qualified lawyer appointed to act on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care in relation to Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. Arfan Bhatti remains as the qualified lawyer in relation to Module 5.
3. Accordingly, as I am satisfied that the Department of Health and Social Care has appointed Rian Chubb as its qualified lawyer with respect to these Modules, I designate Rian Chubb as its recognised legal representative in relation to Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 in accordance with Rule 6(1) of the Inquiry Rules 2006.

Rt Hon Baroness (Heather) Hallett DBE

Chair of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry

5 August 2025