

IN THE BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL CORONER'S COURT

**BEFORE HM CORONER HIS HONOUR RICHARD FOSTER
NOMINATED PURSUANT TO SCHEDULE 10, CORONERS AND
JUSTICE ACT 2009**

**In the matter of multiple Inquests touching the death of
patients of Mr Ian Paterson for treatment for breast cancer**

DIRECTIONS ON ISSUES OF MDT PROCESS AND POTENTIAL BIAS

1. Following my directions to disclose certain emails between members of the MDT some IPs expressed concerns about potential bias. I then received submissions from Counsel to the Inquests following which questions were posed and answered by each member of the MDT. All of these have been disclosed to the IPs. Following this I have received further submissions from some IPs.
2. In light of the above, I have come to the decision that Inquest should be able to explore any concerns with the members of the MDT in oral evidence prior to the commencement of the hearings of the individual Inquests.
3. Rick Linforth and David Dodwell will be giving evidence on the generic issues on 9 October 2024 and that will be an opportunity for IPs to explore these issues with them. Similarly Mike Dixon, Nigel Bundred and Simon Russell are available to give evidence on these issues on 15th October 2024.

HH Richard Foster

1st October 2024