

IN THE BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL CORONER'S COURT

HIS HONOUR RICHARD FOSTER

NOMINATED PURSUANT TO SCHEDULE 10 CJA 2009

**INQUESTS TOUCHING UPON THE DEATHS
OF PATIENTS OF MR IAN PATERSON FOR
TREATMENT OF BREAST CANCER**

Ruling concerning the expert evidence of Mr H.Y.Chan

1. The Solicitors acting for Mr Alan Klidjian, Consultant Surgeon, have obtained and disclosed to me a report from Mr H.Y Chan dated 9th August 2024 concerning the Inquests touching the deaths of Shareen Cartwright, Pauline Clarke and Constance Whittle. Mr Chan is a Consultant General Surgeon with a particular interest in breast disease.
2. I have decided that it would assist my investigations for me to call him as a witness in those three Inquests. Mr Chan will henceforth be instructed by me through the Solicitors to the Inquest (STI) and the Solicitors who have hitherto instructed by him should cease to have unilateral contact with him. He will be paid at rates agreed by me in compliance with Regulations 9 and 10 of the Coroners Allowances, Fees and Expenses Regulations 2013, about which STI can provide details. This applies to all expert witnesses called by me in compliance with Paragraph 14 of Section 14 of the Chief Coroner's Bench Book.
3. I have given consideration as to whether Mr Chan should also be called by me as an expert witness in the generic hearings now fixed for May 2025. I have decided that this is not necessary. I will already be hearing evidence in those hearings from three Breast Surgeons. Furthermore, the evidence which Mr Chan gives in the three Inquests where he has been instructed will be cross admissible in so far as it might assist my investigations, in the same way as will be the evidence of a number of other Breast Surgeons who have given evidence in the Inquests.

HH RICHARD FOSTER

10th March 2025