

**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**

**DIRECTIONS REGARDING TIMETABLE BEYOND MODULE 1**

1. The Inquest Legal Team is now working on the timetable for the resumption of the Inquests and the completion of Module One following the generic hearings in May. It seems likely that Module One will not be completed before April 2026.
2. There will clearly be some cross-over in the areas covered by the various modules. I have already heard evidence in Module One which will be relevant to Module Two, and my investigations on the Module Two issues after 2007 will inevitably include a consideration of the recall process.
3. I have reached the preliminary view that Module Four ("Recall") should follow Module One. This would appear to be a logical progression from the individual Module One Inquests and could well shorten parts of Module Two.
4. There will be an Inquests' Management Hearing (akin to a Pre Inquest Review Hearing) later this year to deal with the management of the hearings after Module One, but in the meantime if any Interested Person has any submissions to make concerning my preliminary view as set out above they are requested to do so by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.
5. In giving directions for the subsequent modules I make it clear that I am in no way pre-judging the outcome of the Module One Inquests.

HH Richard Foster

27<sup>th</sup> February 2025