

List of topics for June 2023 Hearing

The topics to be covered at the hearing commencing 12 June 2023 will include the following. For the avoidance of doubt, this is a non-exhaustive list.

As explained above, some of these topics will provide factual findings for the purposes of assessing Ancillary Question (1). Others are concerned with identifying the position of the witnesses on matters to be explored at future hearings.

1. The nature, function and location of the QEUH/RHC generally and the Schiehallion Unit specifically.
2. The diagnosis and treatment of childhood cancer.
3. Concerns about key building systems, principally the water, drainage and ventilation systems, including:
 - 3.1 Staff assessment of these concerns;
 - 3.2 Staff assessment of the response within NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde (“GGC”) to these concerns;
 - 3.3 And staff assessment of the present level of concern.
4. Staff concerns about the incidence of infection and the possibility of links to the built environment, including:
 - 4.1 Staff assessment of these concerns;
 - 4.2 Staff assessment of the response by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde to these concerns;

- 4.3 Staff understanding of assessments made within GGC or by external bodies about the possibility of historic or present day links; and
- 4.4 Staff assessment of issues to do with the reporting of infection concerns.
5. Practical impacts upon patients, families and staff of infection concerns and of issues with the built environment.
6. The clinical impacts of infection and of the risk of infection including the incidence of the prescription of preventative medication.
7. Communication with staff and with patients and families, including:
 - 7.1 Communication in relation to the perceived infection risk to patients from the built environment; and
 - 7.2 Communication in relation to the prescription of prophylactic medication.