

Gist of medical evidence provided in support of HN72's application

Two letters from treating heart physician setting out history of HN72's heart condition and the anticipated impact of giving evidence to the Inquiry (dated 4/9/17 and 19/2/18).

The Chairman requested further medical information to be able to consider this application.

Gist of Medical Report of Dr Knight dated 3 April 2018

Professor Knight is a consultant cardiologist who examined HN72 in March 2018. He confirms from the medical records of HN72 that he was taken to hospital on 10 September 2009 suffering symptoms of a heart attack and that a coronary angiography was performed and the outcome of this. He confirms from his medical records that HN72 was subsequently asymptomatic and symptom free until 2017.

Professor Knight confirms that his current symptoms of increased breathlessness and chest tightness may indicate a recurrence of coronary artery disease and that he should undergo further testing to establish the precise condition. One potential condition that HN72 may have would give risk to a very high risk to his health from stress. A second separate condition creates a further independent risk and adds to the risk of stress in HN72's case over and above the ordinary risks that arise from the first (and more common) condition. There is a risk of provoking myocardial ischaemia and cardiac death arising from the second condition if he is subjected to significant stress. Professor Knight notes that the current primary source of stress relates to the prospect of his identity being revealed rather than giving evidence itself. Further cardiac testing is recommended to assess the precise nature and level of the risk of stress of the Inquiry.

Gist of psychiatric report of Dr. Humphrey Needham-Bennett dated 5 April 2018

This report concluded that HN72 had a symptom profile consistent with a moderate depressive episode with a risk that the symptoms would be exacerbated should he be required to give evidence in his own name or publicly about the discharge of his managerial duties.