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Dear Inquiry Team

**Response to: Public Consultation on the Approach to the Administration of Evidence Hearings**

We write on behalf of Peter Francis, in response to your consultation published on 30 August 2018.

*Issue One: how and when evidence should be posted on the inquiry website and timing of publication*

It is our client's view that, following the conclusion of open hearings on a particular tranche, the Inquiry team should publish the entire evidence bundle relevant to that tranche. Our client stresses the importance of this complete evidence being accessible to the public, given the need for this inquiry to be open and transparent.

The timing of such publication should be as soon as practically possible.

*Issue Two: giving oral evidence; Issue Three: facilities for witnesses; Issue Four: facilities for attendees*

Our client has no personal views or preferences relating to these issues.

*Issue Five: live-streaming and/or Inquiry-Managed Internet Channel*

Accessibility to the Inquiry hearings for all members of the public, especially for those who are unable to attend in person, is crucial. The most sensible and effective way to achieve this is by a live-stream and/or internet channel. The importance of an accessible and inclusive inquiry process far outweighs the potential risks. Mechanisms can be put in place to mitigate any risk where there may be an inadvertent release of sensitive information. One example is an approach similar to that of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, which livestreams all public hearings but notes this is

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*“subject to a short delay to protect the identity of witnesses and to adhere to any restriction orders put in place.”<sup>1</sup>*

Our client is happy for his evidence to be captured in this way.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leigh Day". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/live>