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Date of Trust Board Meeting: Wednesday 25 January 2023

Agenda Item: 9.1 - UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry Update

1.0 Introduction

Preliminary hearings for the Inquiry’s first three investigations have been announced for February and March 2023.

2.0 Background Information

The Inquiry held its first set of preliminary hearings for Module 1 and Modules 2, 2B and 2C in October and November 2022. The Trust has not applied for Core Participant status for any module to date. It was noted ALBs could still be issued with a direction to provide information.

The Inquiry will begin hearing evidence for its first investigation (Module 1) into the UK’s pandemic preparedness and resilience in May.

3.0 Summary of Key Points

The Inquiry will hold its first preliminary hearing for its third investigation, Module 3, looking at the impact of the pandemic on healthcare, on Tuesday 28 February 2023. This hearing will take place in person in London and viewed online.

The Inquiry will hold five further preliminary hearings for its first two investigations: Module 1 into the UK’s pandemic preparedness and resilience; and Modules 2, 2A, 2B and 2C, examining core political and administrative decision making in the UK, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These hearings will be streamed and the public can watch online:

10:30 Tuesday 14 February **Module 1:** Pandemic preparedness and resilience

10:30 Wednesday 1 March **Module 2:** Core political and administrative decision making in the UK

10:30 Tuesday 21 March **Module 2A:** Core political and administrative decision making in Scotland

10:00 Wednesday 29 March **Module 2B:** Core political and administrative decision making in Wales

13:45 Wednesday 29 March **Module 2C:** Core political and administrative decision making in Northern Ireland

Procedural matters looking at how each investigation will run will be discussed at these hearings. There will be submissions from the Counsel to the Inquiry and Core Participants to help the Inquiry prepare for the public hearings, where evidence is heard. The Inquiry will publish an agenda nearer the time.

A Task and Finish Group has been established in relation to any and all information requests received from the Inquiry Team by the Trust and will be coordinated by Mrs McNally as Assistant Director, Risk Governance & Management. Further updates will be provided as appropriate.

4.0 Recommendation for Trust Board

For noting.

Lead Director: Mr Charlie Martyn

Designation: Medical Director

Date: 20 January 2023