



The Dr Giraldi Home Inquiry
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PRESS RELEASE

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This Press Release is issued in conformity with the Inquiry's previously stated intention to keep members of the public regularly informed as to the progress of its work.

Witnesses.

As previously indicated, the Inquiry has contacted a large number of individuals who, it considered, would be able to provide written statements containing material evidence of assistance to the Inquiry. The Inquiry has also contacted relevant authorities for statements. Having examined all these statements for relevance, the Inquiry decided that approximately 60 witnesses should be invited to give oral evidence at the main hearing.

Witnesses will include former Government ministers and representatives from the management of the Dr Giraldi Home, the Care Agency, the Royal Gibraltar Police and the Attorney General's Chambers.

Preliminary hearings.

The Inquiry held preliminary hearings on 20 June and 23 July 2013 at which administrative matters and the list of issues to be investigated were finalised. At these preliminary hearings, the Inquiry heard representations by the legal representatives of various witnesses relating to the matters to be dealt with at the main hearing. Case management directions were given by the Chairman to the Inquiry, as to the procedure to be employed at the main hearing.

Main hearing.

The Inquiry is now ready to proceed with the main hearing, at which oral evidence will be given by witnesses. This is scheduled to commence on 30 September 2013 and is expected to last four weeks.

The main hearing, which will be open to the public, will be held at the Coroner's Court, top floor, the Law Courts Building, Town Range, Gibraltar and each session will commence at 10.00 am.

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Secretary to the Inquiry

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