

PUBLIC INQUIRIES-UPDATE - May 2026

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As the public Inquiries into the NHS press on the Covid Inquiry has published its recommendation on Vaccines and Therapeutics. No great surprises but as might be expected from lawyers more layers of bureaucracy.

A new expert panel to oversee the development, procurement and manufacture of vaccines and pharmaceuticals, more targeted vaccine policies and communications, better monitoring and evaluation of vaccine take up, reform of the vaccine damage payment scheme and finally better access by regulatory bodies to healthcare records.

No pricing of these recommendations but a threat to monitor their implementation.

The Letby Inquiry has finished taking evidence and the report is expected soon. It won't answer the crucial question... was she guilty?

One member of the former Executive team in Chester meanwhile has been arrested for allegedly perverting the course of Justice and had his house searched for evidence.

Whether this will lead to the reopening of the Inquiry remains to be seen.

The Valdo Calocane Inquiry in Nottingham continues but the **Essex Inquiry** [2000 *deaths in mental health inpatient care*] has published the list of issues it will focus on when it resumes hearings in July.

- 1.The use of technology in mental health care and particularly the continued use of [Oxevision](#). [A patient monitoring system widely in use in the NHS] .
2. Resuscitation -emerging issues
3. Further evidence from bereaved families
- 4.The Trust engagement with the Inquiry. Allegations of a lack of candour and defensive legalistic responses.

The Inquiry into the problems related to the construction of the new buildings at the

Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow continue and the report of harm to patients at

Muckamore Hospital in NI is still awaited.

The potential public inquiry into maternity care in England has still not been confirmed.

