

## **Patrick Finucane Inquiry**

### **Open Hearing Centre Code of Conduct**

The Patrick Finucane Inquiry welcomes the public at its open hearings, and the engagement of Core Participants and witnesses in its proceedings.

The Inquiry Chair expects that all those attending or participating in hearings will do so in a respectful and appropriate manner in their engagement with all staff at the hearing centre, all members of the Inquiry team, all other parties and their representatives, and all visitors to the hearing centre.

No disruption to proceedings or poor behaviour will be tolerated. This includes:

- Speaking when not invited to do so by the Chair as part of formal proceedings.
- Shouting, swearing or the use of hate speech or offensive language.
- Disruptive entering or leaving the hearing room whilst proceedings are ongoing (for example, not in a break in proceedings or by deliberately making noise).
- Standing up or moving around the hearing room whilst proceedings are ongoing, unless invited to do so by the Chair or Counsel to the Inquiry (for example, when invited to give witness evidence).
- Eating or drinking in the hearing room, with the exception of water.
- Any other form of conduct understood by the Chair to have the intent of intimidating others or disrupting proceedings.

The Inquiry Chair will exercise his powers to remove any individual who does not comply with this Code of Conduct. This may include removal from the hearing room or the hearing centre, or a ban on attending hearings in the future.