



Named Core Participants and their recognised legal representatives

As of 18 July 2025, the following persons or organisations numbered 1 to 14 were designated as Core Participants pursuant to the Inquiry's [Core participant protocol](#).

As of 30 October 2025, a further three persons, numbered 15, were designated as Core Participants.

As of 13 January 2026, a further person, numbered 16, was designated as a Core Participant.

As of 05 February 2026, a further organisation, numbered 17, was designated as a Core Participant.

	NAME(S)	Represented by
1	James Coates Lee Coates Darren Coates Sanjoy Kumar, Sinead O'Malley-Kumar James O'Malley-Kumar Emma Webber David Webber Charlie Webber	Neil Hudgell, Hudgell Solicitors
2	Wayne Birkett Sharon Miller Tracey Hodgson Martin Reed	Greg Almond, Rothera Bray Solicitors
3	Elaine Newton	Nicola Ryan-Donnelly, Fletchers Solicitors
4	Celeste Calocane Elias Calocane	Charlotte Haworth Hird, Bhatt Murphy Solicitors
5	Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Charlotte Harpin, Browne Jacobson LLP

6	Nottinghamshire Police	Malcolm Turner, East Midlands Police Legal Services
7	Leicestershire Police	Malcolm Turner, East Midlands Police Legal Services
8	NHS England	Alistair Robertson, DAC Beachcroft LLP
9	Nottingham University	Amanda Narkiewicz Katherine Wackett Mills & Reeve LLP
10	Crown Prosecution Service	Beth Smith, Richard Doolan, Rosemary Ainslie, Crown Prosecution Service
11	DHSC	Jade Allen, Government Legal Department
12	Ministry of Justice (parent government department, representing the interests of its executive agencies, HM Courts and Tribunals Service and HM Prison and Probation Service)	Arfan Bhatti, Nisha Raikundalia, Government Legal Department
13	Nottingham City Council	Henry Bermingham, Andrew Clarke, Weightmans LLP
14	Royal College of Psychiatrists	Jess Whitehead, Suhan Rajkumar, Bates Wells
15	PC Libbie-May Taylor PC Connor Amos-Perkins and PS Mark Read	Mark Wardley, Straw and Pearce
16	Gary Carter	Natasha Davies, Helen Fry, Bates Wells
17	Home Office	Nicola Jeffery, Government Legal Department

The Chair has the power to designate a person or organisation as a Core Participant at any time during the course of the Inquiry. It should not be assumed, therefore, that the “list” of Core Participants is closed.

Any person or organisation who/which considers that they should be made a Core Participant may apply for that status although they should explain in the application why the same is being made outside the time specified in the Inquiry’s [Core-Participant-Protocol](#).