

## The Penrose Inquiry

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### STATEMENT OF ISSUES

for the Scottish Government

The Scottish Government is grateful to Inquiry counsel for providing advance notice of the issues they intend to raise in relation to the topics investigated by the Inquiry. On each topic these include all the issues that the Scottish Government had intended to raise.

The Scottish Government is conscious that it may not be appropriate for it, as sponsor of the Inquiry, to seek to influence substantially the content of the issues that the Inquiry is to resolve.

For these reasons the Scottish Government does not wish to raise any issues relating to the topics that go beyond those raised by Inquiry counsel. The Scottish Government will, as requested by the Chairman of the Inquiry, make written submissions on the various issues raised by Inquiry counsel which affect its position as a core participant in the Inquiry.

The Scottish Government does however wish to raise a further two issues, which do not relate to any of the particular topics:

#### *Further general issues*

- The standard of scrutiny that the Inquiry should apply in considering the various decisions that were taken; clinical, administrative and other?
- Whether the administrative structures in place during the reference period for the Inquiry were appropriate and operated so as to allow for the dissemination of information, advice and policy in a reasonably efficient manner?

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