

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PENROSE INQUIRY

Notice of Preliminary Hearing

The Penrose Inquiry is an independent public inquiry under the Inquiries Act 2005, chaired by the Right Honourable Lord Penrose.

The Inquiry will look into the circumstances in which patients treated by the NHS in Scotland became infected with Hepatitis C, HIV, or both, through the use of blood or blood products.

Full Terms of Reference for the Inquiry can be found at:

www.penroseinquiry.org.uk or by writing to the Secretary to the Inquiry as detailed below.

Lord Penrose intends to hold a Preliminary Hearing on Tuesday 31 March 2009 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, The Exchange, Edinburgh, EH3 8EE commencing at 10.30am. The hearing will be open to the public.

At the hearing Lord Penrose will make an opening statement in which he will set out his proposed approach to the Inquiry. Lord Penrose will not be taking questions or hearing representations at this hearing. Matters such as participation in the Inquiry or legal representation at a later stage will be covered in the opening statement. A transcript will be available shortly after the hearing through the Inquiry website or by writing to the Secretary to the Inquiry as detailed below.

Further information about the Inquiry is available at:

www.penroseinquiry.org.uk

or by writing to, or emailing, the Secretary to the Inquiry:

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