



Public Accountability

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CHAIR AND SPEAKER BRIEFING

WHY WE NEED A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION?

It's time to put right the wrongs

Wednesday 6th December

17:35-18:30, Grimond toom PCH

CONTEXT

Early today the government finally responded to the Reverend James Jones report ([‘The Patronising Disposition of Unaccountable Power’](#)),

This session will look at the response in depth and what the latest amendments to the Victims and Prisoners Bill and the imminent Criminal Justice Bill mean to the Public Authorities Accountability Bill aka Hillsborough Law

Running throughout will be the key questions on our agenda:

- Why is the Government's response to the Bishop's Review important?
- **What is the difference between the duty of cooperation and the duty of candour?**
- What is Hillsborough Law, are we closer now with the new amendments?
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IN BRIEF

- Opening remarks and highlight why this group is so important by **Ian Byrne MP, Chair**.
- All speakers to give their perspectives on the key questions posed (see above)
- **ELKAN ABRAHAMSON** to address the response to the Bishop's report.
- **Chair Ian Byrne MP** will then pass over to **CHRIS STANLEY will up-date on the duty of candour re: J4the21/Birmingham Pub Bombings campaign**.
- **Chair Ian Byrne MP** will then hear from **CLAIR WALTON** to share experiences of the Infected Blood Inquiry campaign for justice and to ensure HIV infected wives/partners are not marginalised, edited or erased from the Contaminated Blood Scandal and the history of the haemophilia community. She campaigns so their experience and ongoing needs as infected with HIV are recognised and understood.
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- Chair Ian Byrne will then pass over to **JOE DELANEY from Grenfell for Justice** (waiting for the bio)
- **Chair Ian Byrne MP** will then take questions from the audience and hear discussion from the room before making some closing remarks.

AGENDA

17:35 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Ian Byrne, MP for West Derby

17:40 The Patronising Disposition of Unaccountable Power

Elkan Abrahamson

17:50 DUTY OF CANDOUR & JUSTICE FOR THE 21

Chris Stanley

18:00 POSITIVE WOMEN

CLAIR WALTON

18:10 JUSTICE FOR GRENFELL

Joe Delaney

18:20 Q&A AND DISCUSSION

- Why is the Government's response to the Bishop's Review important?
- **What is the difference between the duty of cooperation and the duty of candour?**
- Why is it taking so long for the government to respond?
- What is Hillsborough Law?

18:25 CLOSING REMARKS

18:30 ENDS



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BIOGRAPHIES

Elkan Abrahamson

one of the architects of Hillsborough Law. specialise in major public Inquiries and Inquests and in challenging decisions made by authorities like City Councils and Government. I'm proud to have represented 20 families during the [Hillsborough](#) inquests and continue to support them in the aftermath, I also act for families involved in the Birmingham Pub Bombings Inquest and The Manchester Arena Bombings Inquest. I provided pro bono consultancy to one of the family firms involved in the Grenfell Inquiry.

CLAIR WALTON

She set up POSITIVE WOMEN with 'Frankie' in 2017 to campaign for justice and to ensure HIV infected wives/partners are not marginalised, edited or erased from the Contaminated Blood Scandal and the history of the haemophilia community. She campaigns so their experience and ongoing needs as infected with HIV are recognised and understood.

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Christopher Stanley

Litigation Consultant with KRW LAW Belfast. He has litigated on all aspects of the Legacy of the Conflict in Northern Ireland. He also represents those effected by historic institutional abuse across Ireland. He leads on information rights for KRW. He is a member of the *pro bono* legal team representing Justice for the 21, the relatives of the victims of the Birmingham Pub Bombings 1974. He has been a Times Lawyer of the Week and a LAPG/LALY Public Law Lawyer of the Year Nominee.

Joe Delaney

Justice for Grenfell to add

Ian Byrne MP, MP for West Derby

Ian Byrne is the Labour MP for Liverpool, West Derby where he grew up and has represented the constituency since 2019, when he won 77.6% of the vote share. Before this, he was a councillor for the Liverpool City Council and trade union organiser for Unite the Union. Ian is a Hillsborough survivor, he was 17 when he witnessed what happened at Hillsborough.



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