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Earlier this year I announced that a Public Inquiry would be held into the matters of concern that have arisen at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) campus, Glasgow and the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP), Edinburgh. The Inquiry will be held under the Inquiries Act 2005.

This is an extremely important and complex task of national significance and I am glad to confirm that the Right Honourable Lord Brodie QC PC, a senator of the College of Justice, has agreed to take up the position of inquiry chair. Lord Brodie is a serving Judge of the Inner House of the Court of Session and I am pleased that someone of his stature and legal standing will chair this important inquiry. I intend to notify Parliament today.

I have a statutory obligation to consult the prospective chair on the proposed terms of reference for the inquiry and I intend to meet Lord Brodie before Christmas to discuss this and other practical matters relating to the inquiry's establishment, including timescales.

I also intend to share terms of reference with affected patients and families for comment before the inquiry's formal setting-up date. I will be in touch again early in the New Year with an update on this.

If you have any thoughts or concerns you would like to share at this stage, please continue to communicate these through Professor Craig White ([craig.white@gov.scot](mailto:craig.white@gov.scot) / 0131 244 5665).

*Kind regards*

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