



## WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

on behalf of

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

for

THE PRELIMINARY HEARING OF THE ELJAMEL INQUIRY TO TAKE PLACE ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2025

### 1 Introduction

These submissions are made on behalf of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh ("RCSEd") in response to the invitation to make brief submissions contained in paragraph 107 of the Note by Counsel to the Inquiry of 29 August 2025.

RCSEd seeks at this stage only to assist the Inquiry by clarifying its status and its relationship with other Royal Colleges of Surgeons.

### 2 The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

At paragraphs 25(g) and 56(j) of the Note by Counsel to the Inquiry reference is made (in both paragraphs) to "The Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh)" and (in the latter paragraph) to "The Royal College of Surgeons (London)".

These references may give rise to a misapprehension that the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Surgeons of "London" are regional branches of a single centralised institution.

For the avoidance of doubt, RCSEd would ask the Inquiry to note that RCSEd was incorporated (by Royal Charter) in 1505. It is an independent institution and is not a subsidiary, affiliate, or branch of any other Royal College of Surgeons.

RCSEd operates under its own governance arrangements, with charitable status in Scotland (Charity No. SC005317) and is registered as a Royal Charter company (Company No. RC000466). It maintains its principal headquarters in Edinburgh and operates additional offices in Birmingham and Kuala Lumpur. A surgeon may be a member of RCSEd without being resident in or practising in Scotland.

The reference in the Note by Counsel to the Inquiry's Note to the Royal College of Surgeons (London) appears to refer to the Royal College of Surgeons of England which is a separate legal entity. Other Royal

Colleges of Surgeons, including those in Glasgow, Ireland, Canada, and Australasia, were similarly established as independent institutions under separate Royal Charters or statutory instruments.

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