

RE: THE ELJAMEL INQUIRY

**WRITTEN OPENING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
DUNDEE**

1. On 7 September 2023, the Scottish Government declared its intention to establish a public inquiry pursuant to the provisions of the Inquiries Act 2005. The purpose of the inquiry is to examine matters relating to the professional practice of Mr. Eljamel, who served as a consultant neurosurgeon within NHS Tayside between 1995 and 2014 and concurrently held honorary appointments at the University of Dundee (“the University”), namely Honorary Senior Lecturer, Honorary Reader, and Honorary Professor.
2. At the outset of this brief Statement the University would wish to express its deepest sympathies to all those who may have been adversely affected by any of the matters which are to be the subject of investigation and review by the Inquiry.
3. The specific issues to be investigated by the Inquiry have been set out in detail in the Terms of Reference which were announced on 03 April 2025. In relation to the University these include:
 - a) investigation of the process leading to the appointment of Mr Eljamel as the Head of Department of Surgical Neurology at the University, including the

adequacy of any induction which he may have received, and the systems relating to them;¹ and

- b) the role, if any, that Mr Eljamel's employment by, or appointments within, the University contributed to adverse outcomes for former patients of Mr Eljamel during the course of his employment with NHS Tayside.²

4. The University would wish to make clear that it welcomes the Inquiry and recognises immediately its importance, and undertakes to co-operate fully with the Inquiry in its investigations of the issues noted, and more generally.
5. The Inquiry is invited to note, however, that the University is, currently, the subject of the most severe financial constraints, a matter which is of public record.
6. Finally, if the Inquiry should find, in due course, that there may be any lessons to be learned on the part of the University in relation to any of the Inquiry's Terms of the Reference, both the Inquiry and the public should be in no doubt that comprehensive steps will be taken by the University to address those matters which have been identified.

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¹ Term of Reference 1(b).

² Term of Reference 2(b).