



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

The Hon. Lord Weir  
Chair of the Eljamel Inquiry

Sent via email

12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Lord Weir,

We are writing to you regarding the decision to prevent patients harmed by Mr Eljamel from attending the first round of public inquiry hearings in-person.

We have been contacted by numerous constituents who are, very understandably, deeply upset by this decision.

If it is an issue of space or accessibility, we believe there are many venues in Edinburgh which could be appropriate. We would appreciate it if you could provide us with an explanation for this decision.

After waiting years, even decades, for a public inquiry, we believe that former patients should be able to attend the inquiry in person to hear and see the evidence directly. Their trust in public institutions has been shattered and we wish to see this rebuilt with care and consideration. We would ask you to please reconsider this decision.

Yours sincerely,

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