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Eljamel Public Inquiry - DO NOT DESTROY notice

NHS Tayside has received a DO NOT DESTROY notice from The Eljamel Inquiry in relation to any relevant records and information.

The Scottish Government announced in September 2023 that a Public Inquiry is being held into former neurosurgeon Professor Eljamel. Further information about the progress of the independent public inquiry can be found on the [Scottish Government website](#).

NHS Tayside has now received a formal **DO NOT DESTROY** legal notice from The Eljamel Inquiry. This notice advises that all records/information held that may be of potential relevance to the Inquiry must not be destroyed, deleted or disposed of.

Any information relating to Mr Eljamel, his work, his patients or any systems operated by NHS Tayside which may have any bearing (direct or indirect) on the work of the Inquiry related to Professor Eljamel should be retained until further notice. This is to ensure any records required can be submitted, when requested, to the Inquiry.

Please note that we are required to retain all information which still exists relating to systems, processes, guidance and SOPs in place up to 2013, even if those systems etc have been updated since then.

Staff must ensure that all communication, information and documents including, but not limited to, MS Word, MS Excel, MS Powerpoint, Adobe PDF, emails, and text and WhatsApp messages created in the course of the business of NHS Tayside related to Professor Eljamel are retained and not destroyed. This means that the retention periods in NHS Tayside's Retention Schedules for these particular records are now paused until further notice.

Please note it is an offence under Section 35 of the Inquiries Act 2005 to alter, destroy, or prevent relevant documents from being provided to the Inquiry.

Further information on the Inquiry and the appropriate retention of information/records relating to it will be shared in due course.

If you have any queries relating to the retention of records regarding The Eljamel Inquiry please contact the Patient Liaison Response Team and/or Information Governance on tay.patientliaisonresponse@nhs.scot or tay.informationgovernance@nhs.scot

