

INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF DAWN STURGESS

SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF SOUTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

1. These submissions are filed on behalf of South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust ('SWASFT') in response to the directions served by Legal Team for the Inquiry, dated 11 March 2022. SWASFT are happy to assist Lord Hughes as Chair of the Inquiry.

Application for Core Participant status

2. SWASFT ask to be designated as a Core Participant in this Inquiry, pursuant to Rule 5 of the Inquiry Rules 2006. SWASFT and its employees played a direct and significant role in relation to a key matter to be investigated as part of this inquiry, namely Ms Sturgess' care prior to her untimely death. Furthermore, SWASFT were already appropriately recognised as an 'interested person' in the investigations so far conducted by the coroner, Baroness Hallett, which this inquiry is required by its terms of reference to take into account.

Section 40 funding

3. SWASFT will not be applying for Section 40 funding.

Stage 1 Disclosure

4. SWASFT have provided all information for Stage 1 of the disclosure process to the ILT as previously directed. There is nothing outstanding from SWASFT at this time, so far as it is aware.

Restriction Orders and Restriction Notices

5. SWASFT are neutral on the need for any restrictions at this time.
6. Representatives from SWASFT will be in attendance at the next hearing listed for 10:30 on Friday 25 March 2022.

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On behalf of South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

18 March 2022