

# Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Independent Review

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## Review Update #1

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### Remit of the Review

This is the first of a series of bulletins about the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Independent Review (“the Review”), focussing on infection prevention and control in the newly-built hospital complex.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport announced the Review in January this year to address concerns about patient safety, and

specifically to look at the buildings’ “design, commissioning and construction, handover and ongoing maintenance and how these matters contribute to effective infection control.” Our remit, therefore is:

*“To establish whether the design, build, commissioning and maintenance of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children has had an adverse impact on the risk of Healthcare Associated Infection and whether there is wider learning for NHS Scotland.”*

### Review Team Established

In March 2019, Dr Andrew Fraser and Dr Brian Montgomery were appointed to undertake the Review as co-Chairs. They will be supported by Billy Hare, Professor of Construction Management at Glasgow Caledonian University and; Linda Dempster, the Head of Infection Prevention & Control for NHS England. A Review Team has also been appointed, to research, co-ordinate and manage the work of the Review.

Since taking up post, Drs Fraser and Montgomery have been exploring the key issues that may arise during the Review, assessing a range of documents relating to the topic, and holding informal discussions with key organisations and individuals who might aid the work. They have drawn up preliminary Terms of Reference for the Review, which sets out the intended scope of what the Review will cover. These can be accessed on the Review website which can be found at: [www.queenelizabethhospitalreview.scot](http://www.queenelizabethhospitalreview.scot)

*“Our Aim is to establish whether the built environment of Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children is making it difficult for staff to deliver optimal practice in infection prevention and control”*

The Review Team are inviting feedback and comment on the Terms of Reference by the **9 August 2019**. Should you wish to give feedback on the Terms of Reference, you can email your comments to: [information@queenelizabethhospitalreview.scot](mailto:information@queenelizabethhospitalreview.scot)

## Call for Evidence

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Dr Andrew Fraser and Dr Brian Montgomery hosted a launch event to invite stakeholders to get in touch with the Review Team, with information that will help to meet its remit.

This was a public event which was attended by some of the relatives of affected patients, health professionals, and members of the media. A video of the launch is available on the Review website.

This information gathering phase will continue well over the summer, followed by a phase of assessing the information, addressing gaps, and asking to meet people face to face to give their views and contribute their expertise.



## Keeping you informed

To coincide with the launch of the information gathering phase on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019, an official review website went live.

The website will be your first source of information as the

Review progresses together with updates via social media. Bulletins such as this will also appear at regular intervals throughout the duration of the Review.

Details of how to contact the Review Team are set out below.

However, to join the conversation and for the very latest news on the Review, you can follow us on Twitter at [@QEUHReview](#)

**We want to hear from you and your experiences.**

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