

# THE CRANSTON INQUIRY

**Press Release Friday 4th October 2024**

## **Cranston Inquiry to hold Preliminary Hearing**

The Cranston Inquiry into the 24 November 2021 Channel crossing tragedy will hold a Preliminary Hearing in London on Thursday 24 October 2024 from 2.00pm.

At the Inquiry's Opening Hearing on 6 March 2024, Sir Ross Cranston, Chair of the Inquiry, delivered an opening statement, outlining the work done to date and giving details of his intentions for the Inquiry.

The Preliminary Hearing on 24 October will include a report on the Inquiry's progress to date and the plans for the next stage of its work.

The independent Inquiry is investigating the events of 24 November 2021, when at least 27 people lost their lives crossing the Channel. It is looking into who the deceased were, and when, where and in what circumstances they came by their deaths. It is also exploring what further lessons can be learned and considering recommendations for the future.

The Preliminary Hearing will be open to members of the public who wish to attend.

WHAT	Preliminary Hearing of the Cranston Inquiry
WHEN	14.00-16.00, Thursday 24 October 2024
WHERE	Dorland House, 13 Bishop's Bridge Road, London, W2 6BU

### **Information for attendees:**

1. The hearings are being filmed by RTS Communications static cameras. A livestream with a three-minute delay is available on our YouTube channel. No other broadcast or stills cameras will be allowed in the hearings room.
2. Please be aware that this is a hearing into a very sensitive issue - media are requested not to film or approach anyone without permission and not to film people arriving at or leaving the venue.
3. Sir Ross Cranston and Inquiry counsel will not give media interviews during or after the hearing.