

## **Newsletter November 2018**

### **Call for Evidence**

The Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside launched its public Call for Evidence on 5 September 2018. An initial closing date of 19 October for the receipt of evidence was extended by two weeks to 2 November as a result of a number of requests from individuals and organisations to be allowed more time for the preparation of their submissions.

By 2 November over 140 written submissions of evidence had been received by the Inquiry.

In addition to written evidence, the Inquiry team has also been hearing oral evidence from people who preferred to submit their evidence in this way. To date, approximately 40 people have either given oral evidence or had appointments made for oral evidence to be given. Evidence has been heard in Angus, Dundee and Perth.

Evidence has been submitted to the Inquiry from patients, families and carers, as well as from health professionals in Tayside.

### **Engagement**

The Employee Participation Group has been established under the chairmanship of Mr Willie Duffy, UNISON. A survey of staff working in mental health services in NHS Tayside has been designed.

The Inquiry team continues to engage with the Stakeholder Participation Group, which is convened by the Health and Social Care Alliance – the ALLIANCE.

Further engagement is planned with other health professional groups, including consultants, nurses and GP practices.

### **Next Phase**

The next phase of the Inquiry will include analysis of the evidence so far submitted to the Inquiry, in order to identify the main areas for future investigation.

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Many thanks to all those who have contacted the Inquiry Team so far.