



Brook House Inquiry
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4 January 2024

Rt. Hon James Cleverly MP
Home Secretary,
2 Marsham Street,
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By email only

Dear Home Secretary,
Re: Brook House Inquiry

As per Section 14 of the Inquiries Act 2005, I am writing to you to formally announce the end of the Public Inquiry into the mistreatment of individuals who were detained at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre in 2017.

As you will be aware, the Inquiry was first announced by your predecessor on 5 November 2019. Since then, I, along with my legal team and Secretary, have been working towards fulfilling the obligations contained within our Terms of Reference.

Following the consideration of evidence, including two phases of public evidential hearings in 2021 and 2022, I wrote my final report and recommendations. These were published and laid before parliament on 19 September 2023. Since that time, the Inquiry has been preparing for closure, including archiving of the Inquiry Record and my team have been working closely with the Home Office on this.

I am pleased to say that having fulfilled our Terms of Reference, I am formally notifying you that the Inquiry will end on **31 January 2024**.

As you will be aware, I wrote to your predecessor on 19 October 2023 (a copy of which is available on the [inquiry's website](https://brookhouseinquiry.org.uk) for ease of reference). In that letter I asked for an update on the process being undertaken within the Home Office in

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order to respond to my recommendations. I set out a number of suggestions and offered to meet with the then Home Secretary. I also offered to review the response to my recommendations, at no cost to the public purse. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my willingness to engage with the Home Office and to extend an offer to meet with you and your team.

As Brook House Inquiry email addresses will not function after the end of January 2024, my personal contact details have been provided in the covering email to this letter.

May I conclude by observing that it has been an honour to act as Chair on an Inquiry of such public importance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Eves".

Kate Eves

Chair of the Brook House Inquiry