

## Statement of Approach – Evidence

1. The Brook House Inquiry issued a formal call for evidence on 21 April 2020. The Chair's opening statement, which was released the same day, urged anyone with relevant information about Brook House, and the events that took place there between 1 April and 31 August 2017 ('the Relevant Period'), to contact the Inquiry.
  2. This Statement of Approach is being issued, under the Chair's authority, to assist anyone who may wish to provide such information or evidence to the Inquiry.
  3. The Inquiry needs to gather evidence to establish the truth of what happened. Evidence can be provided to the Inquiry in a number of different ways; the Inquiry will ask for written statements from potential witnesses, and some of those witnesses may be asked to give evidence in person at a hearing. Documents provided to the Inquiry such as letters, medical records, and research material are also evidence.
  4. This note invites anyone who may wish to give information or evidence to the Brook House Inquiry to complete [a short form](#) confirming their contact details and telling the Inquiry what information they hold for the Relevant Period.
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5. The Inquiry will use this form to consider the relevance of the information to the Inquiry terms of reference and advise you of the next steps, for example whether you will be asked to provide a written statement and/or provide the Inquiry with documents.
6. We are not asking you to provide any evidence or a written statement to the Inquiry at this stage. After analysing the information provided on the form, the Inquiry team will contact you (or your legal representative) to discuss the next steps.
7. The personal information you provide in this form will not itself be evidence for the Inquiry; it will not be published or shared outside of the Inquiry team; and it will be processed in accordance with the Inquiry's privacy information notice.
8. No legal expenses will be paid by the Inquiry for completing and submitting the form. However, if you or someone you know needs help to complete the form please contact the Inquiry at: [enquiries@brookhouseinquiry.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@brookhouseinquiry.org.uk) or Freephone 0800 181 4363 and a member of the Inquiry team will contact you.
9. The Inquiry has already contacted some individuals and organisations directly to request information and evidence that they are known to hold and they will not need to complete the form.