### HEMPSONS

# Getting ready for the COVID-19 inquiry: how we can help

The government has announced a statutory public inquiry into the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and that it will be a "proper, full, and above all, independent inquiry". Momentum has started to gather, with promises of an inquiry chair being appointed before Christmas and the inquiry starting in the spring of 2022.

Whilst much remains unknown, including details of the scope of the inquiry and the specific terms of reference, it does not follow that this uncertainty should lead to inaction for those who may be involved. The task ahead for all in the health and social care sectors may be mammoth with NHS England asking trusts to start planning.

With extensive experience of high-profile public inquiries, Hemspons is here to help through our COVID-19 Inquiry packages of support.

There is no 'one size fits all' to the support Hempsons can offer. It can be tailored to be bespoke to the operational needs and experience of your organisation. To assist you in assessing your needs, there are three levels of support that we propose. However, these are for illustrative purposes, and we are happy to work with you to evaluate the specific needs of your organisation.

Inquiry preparation and representation will be offered once the scope of the inquiry and the terms of reference are known.

### Level 1

- 1. Intelligence and guidance
- 2. Training
- 3. Learning

## 1

### Level 2

- 1. Intelligence and guidance
- 2. Training
- 3. Data rooms
- 4. Document management
- 5. Learning

#### Level 3

- 1. Intelligence and guidance
- 2. Training
- 3. Data rooms
- 4. Document management
- 5. Strategic advice
- 6. Learning



### **Contacts**



Covid-19 Inquiry lead 01423 724132 l.hackett@hempsons.co.uk



Helen Claridge Covid-19 Inquiry lead 0161 234 2427 h.claridge@hempsons.co.uk



Elizabeth Thomas Healthcare partner 020 7484 7637 l.thomas@hempsons.co.uk



**Stephen Maratos Healthcare partner**0191 230 6045
s.maratos@hempsons.co.uk