

Rt Honourable Baroness Heather Hallett DBE
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Dear Baroness Hallett,


Thank you for your letter of 22 September 2021 formally requesting that I establish a public inquiry into the death of Dawn Sturgess.

I want to assure you that I have noted everything that you have said regarding the need to establish a public inquiry, and the strong support from the family of Dawn Sturgess for this approach. I will of course take both fully into consideration.

Like you, I am keen to make progress. As you rightly point out, this is a difficult and complex case with significant national security considerations that are relevant to a number of departments and agencies. My officials and I will continue to work through those complexities at pace and with colleagues across government. Please rest assured that we will make every effort to meet your proposed timetable.

My thoughts remain with Dawn's family, and all those affected by the horrific events which took place in Salisbury and Amesbury in 2018.

Yours sincerely,

With all your wishes


Rt. Hon. Priti Patel MP