# Judicial Communications Office

## 20 AUGUST 2021

#### PRESS NOTICE

### LEGACY INQUEST UNIT

## INQUEST TOUCHING UPON THE DEATH OF MASTER STEPHEN GEDDIS ON 30 AUGUST 1975

The inquest touching upon the death of Master Stephen Geddis has been listed for hearing commencing on 23 August 2021 before the Coroner, His Honour Judge McGurgan. The inquest will be heard at Banbridge Court.

Stephen Geddis, who was 10 years old, died on 30 August 1975 after sustaining a head injury which may have been caused by a plastic baton round discharged by a military patrol on 28 August 1975 in the Albert Street / Cullingtree Road area of Belfast.

This inquest, the second into Stephen Geddis' death, was directed by the Attorney-General for Northern Ireland following an application by the Geddis family.

The inquest is one of those included within the Lord Chief Justice's legacy inquest plan.

#### NOTES TO EDITORS

- 1. Please note that due to limited courtroom capacity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the press cannot be accommodated within the courtroom. The proceedings can be followed via sightlink.
- The inquest will commence at 10.00am each day at which point the sightlink will be locked. The press are asked to logon to sightlink62 (<u>https://my.sightlink.net/meet/10197694/</u>) 10 minutes prior to commencement.

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