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**Andy Slaughter MP**, Chair  
Justice Select Committee  
House of Lords  
London  
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Dear Andy,

#### **UPDATE ON THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO THE ATTACKS IN NOTTINGHAM IN 2023**

I am writing to you to inform you that today at Justice Oral Questions, the Lord Chancellor will be announcing the establishment of a statutory inquiry into the horrific attacks that took place on 13 June 2023 in Nottingham.

As you know the PM committed to a statutory Inquiry, led by a Judge and we are now fulfilling that commitment.

The LC appointed Her Honour Deborah Taylor as Chair. Judge Taylor is an experienced and well-regarded retired judge, with experience of working across the Criminal Justice System and with recent knowledge and professional experience of the health system. She was the Resident Judge at Southwark Crown Court from 2017-2022. We are confident that she will be fearless and thorough in her pursuit of the truth.

The LC has been consulting with the Chair on the draft Terms of Reference, and the Chair has undertaken her own consultation with the bereaved families and survivors. A copy of this letter will be deposited in the House Library today and the Terms of Reference will also be deposited in Parliament soon.

It is important that this Inquiry is focused on answering the key unanswered questions to provide the answers that the families and survivors need. The LC is also clear that the Inquiry should report in a timely manner – long-running inquiries delay closure for the individuals, families and friends impacted by the events.

We hope this is welcome news and will provide the essential lessons learnt to ensure incidents like this cannot happen again.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Alex Davies-Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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**Minister for Victims and Violence Against Women and Girls**