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At the preliminary hearing this morning John Leckey took submissions regarding the application of A2, the right to life, to Inquests where medical mishaps were alleged.

Mr Leckey in concluding was satisfied that Article 2 of the ECHR and the Amin + Middleton judgement had no application to this type of case and therefore he will proceed to list the Inquests. He directed that the parties should check the availability of their witnesses and up to one week should be allowed for each one. They will proceed along the traditional lines.

Counsel for [REDACTED] family submitted that they were anxious to have the matter heard as soon as possible. Counsel for the Ferguson family stated that they would prefer to wait until the House of Lords gave judgement on the Amin + Middleton appeal, however as stated above Mr Leckey wishes to have them listed as soon as possible.

Peter