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Appointment of independent experts to work with the C. diff Public Inquiry Panel.

A team of three independent experts appointed by the Chair of the Inquiry will this week begin the work of reviewing all hospital case notes related to those deceased patients affected by the C.diff outbreak in the Northern Northern Health and Social Care Trust hospitals. This work is to advise the Inquiry Panel in establishing exactly the numbers who died during the outbreak and for whom C. diff was the underlying cause of death, or was a condition contributing to death.

The three independent reviewers are: -

- Prof George Griffin, Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases, St Georges, University of London. Consultant Physician , Clinical Infection Unit, St Georges Healthcare Trust, London
- Prof Cillian Twomey, Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine, Cork University / St Finbarr's Hospitals, Cork;
- Mrs Lynne Phair, Independent Consultant Nurse and advisor to the Department of Health on safeguarding vulnerable adults.

The C. diff Inquiry Panel will continue to provide updates at significant stages of its work, through communications with participants, its web site ([www. cdiffinquiry.org](http://www.cdiffinquiry.org)) and press information.

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