

**Form 3.4**

**Notice of an inquiry under the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents  
and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016**

**SHERIFFDOM OF SOUTH STRATHCLYDE, DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY  
AT HAMILTON SHERIFF COURT**

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LESLIE BROWN, PROCURATOR FISCAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAMILTON GIVES  
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 15(1) OF THE INQUIRIES INTO FATAL ACCIDENTS  
AND SUDDEN DEATHS ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016 THAT:

1. An inquiry into the death of Joanne Gallacher is to be held.
2. The inquiry is a discretionary inquiry under Section 4 of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016. The Lord Advocate considers that in terms of Section 4(1)(a)(ii) and (b) of the Act the death occurred in circumstances giving rise to serious public concern and that it is in the public interest for an inquiry to be held into the circumstances of the death.
3. A preliminary hearing has been fixed for 6 June 2023.

**Notice**

4. You may wish to seek legal advice and may be eligible for legal aid to enable you to participate in this inquiry.

If you wish to participate in this inquiry you must apply to the sheriff to do so under rule 3.5 of the Act of Sederunt (Fatal Accident Inquiry Rules) 2017.