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RESPONSE TO FINAL REPORT BY ASYLUM INQUIRY SCOTLAND

"We welcome the final report from Asylum Inquiry Scotland, which puts beyond doubt the harm caused to so many people by being abruptly moved into unsuitable hotel accommodation during the COVID pandemic and since."

"We now repeat our call on the government to set up as a matter of urgency a statutory public inquiry - with the power to compel witnesses and make legally binding recommendations - so that all the issues raised in this report can be thoroughly investigated."

"A statutory inquiry is the only way for the Home Office and its contractors to be held accountable for a dysfunctional and inhumane asylum system, which, as these findings show, is re-traumatising those who are put through it. As the testimony of asylum-seekers to the inquiry made clear, it is a system that is built around and sustained by a culture of fear."

"The voices in this report are powerful and moving. They tell of the impact on people's mental and physical health of being forced out of their homes, often at just a few minutes notice, and moved en masse into hotels which were not equipped for them. We are working with many people who are still suffering as a result, two years on."

"Those who were affected by the Park-Inn incident and their families and friends continue to seek justice. We see this report not as an end, but the beginning of taking concrete steps towards meaningful and lasting change."