

Our statement on the first day of the Lampard Inquiry - 09 September 2024

The screenshot shows the Rethink Mental Illness website with the URL <https://www.rethink.org/news-and-stories/media-centre/2024/09/our-statement-on-the-first-day-of-the-lampard-inquiry/>. The page features the Rethink Mental Illness logo, a search bar, and navigation links: "Get help now", "Donate", "Advice and information", "Help in your area", "Campaigns and policy", "Get involved", and "About us". The breadcrumb trail reads: "News and stories | Media centre | 2024 | 09 | Our statement on the first day of the Lampard Inquiry".

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"The inquiry will no doubt expose the trauma experienced by people who should have been kept safe in hospital. For many, it will echo familiar failures in mental health care. While new evidence will emerge, we already anticipate that the findings will be devastating, and it is distressing the answers to these questions have not been provided so far."

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