



MUCKAMORE ABBEY HOSPITAL INQUIRY
RESTRICTION ORDER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

Restriction Order No. 2 (Patient Anonymity)

The Chair has power under section 19(1)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 to make orders restricting disclosure or publication of evidence or documents given, produced or provided to an Inquiry.

In exercise of that power, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Any person who is a present or former patient of Muckamore Abbey Hospital is granted anonymity. This entitlement to anonymity can be waived on request by the patient or by a person with authority to waive anonymity on the patient's behalf. This Order is considered by the Chair to be conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its Terms of Reference and to be necessary in the public interest.
2. No person may identify or cause or permit to be identified any person who is anonymised pursuant to paragraph 1 by way of disclosure or publication by any means whatsoever, except as specified in paragraphs 3 and 4.
3. The Inquiry may disclose the identity of a patient or former patient to whom a statement relates to Core Participants and their representatives (subject to those persons having signed the Inquiry's confidentiality undertaking).
4. The Inquiry may disclose the identity of a patient or former patient to whom a statement relates to the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) if a duty to notify the PSNI arises under paragraph 47 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Inquiry, PSNI and Public Prosecution Service (PPS).
5. In addition to information redacted under the authority of Restriction Order No. 1 (Redaction of Personal Details), in any document disclosed or published by the Inquiry the following information relating to any person who is the subject of this Order will be redacted:

- name;
 - date of birth;
 - names and specific identifying details of the person's family members.
6. Any person granted anonymity pursuant to this Order will be allocated a cipher by the Inquiry, which will be inserted in place of the person's name in all statements and evidence for the purposes of the Inquiry.
 7. This Order remains in force for the duration of the Inquiry and at all times thereafter, unless otherwise ordered.
 8. The Chair of the Inquiry may vary or revoke this Order by making a further order during the course of the Inquiry.

Any threat to break this Order, or any breach of it, can be certified to the High Court under section 36 of the Inquiries Act, which will deal with it as though the breach had occurred in proceedings before that court.

Made under the authority of the Chair on 7 December 2021.

Varied on 16 June 2022 by the Chair

