



## **MUCKAMORE ABBEY HOSPITAL INQUIRY**

### **RESTRICTION ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005**

#### **Restriction Order No. 49 (A7 Closed Hearing)**

I have power under section 19(1)(a) of the Inquiries Act 2005 to make orders imposing restrictions on attendance at the Inquiry or any part of the Inquiry and under section 19(1)(b), restrictions on disclosure or publication of evidence or documents given, produced or provided to the Inquiry.

I have made two Restriction Orders to date relating to the evidence of A7:

- Restriction Order No. 38 (Anonymity Order A7).
- Restriction Order No. 39 (A7).

At the conclusion of the hearing of the evidence of A7 in accordance with the arrangements prescribed in Restriction No. 39, the Panel wishes to ask A7 about a matter that it would not be possible to address without compromising the anonymity of A7 as granted by Restriction Order No. 38.

I am satisfied that it is necessary to address the matter in question for the purpose of assisting the Panel in addressing the terms of reference. I am also satisfied that it is necessary to take the measures specified below in order to preserve the protection conferred by Restriction Order No. 38. I consider these measures to be conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its terms of reference and to be necessary in the public interest, having regard to the matters outlined in section 19(4) of the Inquiries Act 2005

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. At the conclusion of the evidence of A7 conducted in accordance with the conditions prescribed in Restriction Order No. 39, the Inquiry Panel will sit in closed session to hear further evidence from A7.
2. The only people allowed to be present to hear this closed session will be the Panel, the witness A7, the witness's supporter, the witness's solicitor and counsel, the Inquiry counsel conducting the questioning of the witness, the Secretary to the Inquiry, the Solicitor to the Inquiry, the stenographer and the technical support team.

3. There may be no reporting whatever of the part of the evidence of A7 that is subject to this Order.
4. The transcript of this part of the evidence of A7 will not be published while this Restriction Order is in place.
5. This Order remains in force for the duration of the Inquiry and at all times thereafter, unless otherwise ordered.
6. I may vary or revoke this Order by making a further Order during the course of the Inquiry.
7. I will keep under review the question of how the evidence, part of the evidence or gist of the evidence given in accordance with this Order, or other information that will assist in understanding the necessity for the Order, might be communicated to Core Participants in 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 by the Chair on 20 February 2024



Tom Kark KC

Chair