

PUBLIC INQUIRY MUCKAMORE ABBEY HOSPITAL

PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

Restriction Order No. 53 (Redactions in the “Module 6b Ennis Ward Adult Safeguarding Report Bundle” including the “Ennis Ward Adult Safeguarding Report”)

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.

This Order relates to the redaction of text in the bundle of documents entitled “Module 6b: Ennis Ward Adult Safeguarding Report Bundle (‘the bundle’). The bundle contains a copy of the report “Ennis Ward Adult Safeguarding Report” (October 2013) (‘the report’). The Order also makes provision for redaction of statements in which the Ennis report and its outworking are addressed (‘the statements’).

In exercise of that power, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. In the Ennis Ward Adult Safeguarding Report (October 2013), the following text be redacted:

In “Appendix A” (also known as “Appendix 1”) to the report, the text contained below the words “Summary of allegations under investigation”.
2. In addition to redactions effected to Appendix A/ Appendix 1 of the report under the authority of this Order, the following redactions have been applied to the report, to documents contained in the bundle and to the statements:
 - a. the names of patients who were concerned in the allegations under investigation (under authority of Restriction Order No. 2 – Patient Anonymity);
 - b. the names of the family members of patients who were contacted in respect of the allegations under investigation (under authority of Restriction Order No. 2 – Patient Anonymity); and
 - c. the names of MAH staff who were the subject of the allegations (under authority of Restriction Order No. 4 – Staff Identification). This does not apply to present or former non-ward based staff in a management or governance role.

- d. The names of Bohill staff (ciphered "B") who reported the allegations or were contacted in respect of the allegations.
3. Neither the Ennis Ward Adult Safeguarding Report, nor the documents contained in the bundle have, to date, been made public. The report and related investigations were informed by contact and discussions with a range of parties, including those who reported the allegations, in circumstances in which those providing information were reasonably entitled to expect that the information provided would not be made public. Further, the Chair is mindful of his obligations under the Memorandum of Understanding made between the Inquiry, the PSNI and the PPS, in particular to conduct the Inquiry with due regard to the live nature of the criminal investigation and any ongoing or prospective prosecutions.
4. The Chair is satisfied that redaction of the text specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 above is conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its Terms of Reference and is necessary in the public interest. The need for redaction of the specified text will be kept under review.
5. The Inquiry may disclose the identity of a person to whom paragraph 2 (a)-(d) of this Order applies to Core Participants and their representatives or to a witness whom the Inquiry has requested give evidence in respect of Module 6b (subject to those persons having signed the Inquiry's confidentiality undertaking).
6. Restriction Order No. 15 (Redaction in "Ennis Ward Adult Safeguarding Report") is hereby revoked.
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 by the Chair on 24 April 2024



Tom Kark KC
Chair