



## **MUCKAMORE ABBEY HOSPITAL INQUIRY**

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

#### **Restriction Order No. 99 ("Transcript of 05 March 2025")**

I have 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 transcript of the oral closing statement on behalf of the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust dated 05 March 2025.

The purpose of this order is to ensure that the fact that a patient document request (PDR) has been made in respect of a particular patient is not revealed through publication of the transcript. The Inquiry has not shared or publicised the names or ciphers of patients in respect of whom PDRs have been made.

I am satisfied that this Order is conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its terms of reference and is necessary in the public interest having regard to the matters specified in section 19(4) of the 2005 Act. I am also satisfied that the redaction of the text as required by this order does not impinge on the submission and is the minimum necessary to achieve the objective stated above.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Specific parts of the text contained as follows within the transcript dated 05 March 2025 shall be redacted:
  - i. Page 101: Text contained within line 27 and 29
  - ii. Page 102: Text contained within line 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 8,12,13,14,19, and 29
  - iii. Page 103: Text contained within line 2, 6, 9 and 21
2. This Order remains in force for the duration of the Inquiry and at all times thereafter, unless otherwise ordered.
3. I 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 04 April 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Kark', with a horizontal line underneath.

Tom Kark KC Chair