



MUCKAMORE ABBEY HOSPITAL INQUIRY

RESTRICTION ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

Restriction Order No. 100 ("Resettlement Information Sessions June 2025")

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

This Order relates to resettlement sessions being conducted by the Panel in w/c 02 June 2025. The details of those sessions were published in a briefing paper issued by my direction on 21 March 2025. Specifically, paragraphs 26 to 29 of the paper provided as follows:

- "26. The information sessions will not be held in public. The information provided either in group or individual sessions will be recorded and transcribed. Subject to any necessary restriction, an appropriate record of the sessions (and written notes) will be provided to Core Participants.
- 27. The Chair will consider how the information received in the sessions (or by way of written note) may be published. In doing so, the Chair will have regard as appropriate to the views of participants.
- 28. The anonymity of patients will be protected in accordance with Restriction Order No. 2 and the Chair will be mindful of any further restrictions that may be necessary.
- 29. Restrictions on access to the sessions and/ or information received in the sessions will be imposed in accordance with section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005."

The objective of the present order is to impose restrictions on access to the sessions and on information received in the sessions as envisaged by the above paragraphs.

I am satisfied that the Order is necessary in the public interest to facilitate the effective receipt by the Inquiry Panel of information about recent and ongoing experience that will assist with any recommendations it may make on the matter of resettlement. In making the Order, I also have regard to the risk to the ongoing criminal proceedings with reference to the Inquiry's responsibilities under the Memorandum of Understanding with the PPS and the PSNI.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The resettlement information sessions will not be held in public.
2. Attendance at the sessions before the Panel will be limited to the participant or participants, a supporter nominated by each participant, a stenographer, the Secretary to the Inquiry and any other person regarded by the Chair as necessary to assist the participant (for example, a Registered Intermediary in the case of a patient attending the sessions).
3. Subject to paragraph 6 below, the information provided in the sessions and any note and / or other documentation provided by the participant shall not be made public.
4. The information provided in the sessions will be recorded and transcribed.
5. A summary of each session will be made available to Core Participants.
6. An overarching summary of the information received in the sessions will be published on the Inquiry's website.
7. This Order remains in force for the duration of the Inquiry and at all times thereafter, unless otherwise ordered.
8. 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 2005, which will deal with it as though the breach had occurred in proceedings before that Court.

Made by the Chair on 03 June 2025

Varied by the Chair on 02 July 2025

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

Tom Kark KC Chair