



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

**Restriction Order No. 102
(Sensitive PSNI Case Review Report Operation Selk)**

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. I also have power under section 20(4) of the Act to vary or revoke such orders by making a further Order in the course of the Inquiry.

The Panel's final report will include reference to a sensitive report relating to an investigation named Operation Selk. While that report is dated 16 June 2008, the timeframe of the incidents reviewed was from the early 1960s to the early 1980s and therefore predates the timeframe of the Inquiry's terms of reference. The report contains multiple patient names and details of incidents subject to this sensitive review.

While I am satisfied that limited reference to the report is appropriate for the purposes of the Panel's final report, I am also satisfied that restriction on disclosure and publication of the report is necessary in the public interest having regard to the matters specified in section 19(4), in particular to protect the confidential nature of the information contained in the report. I am also satisfied that this measure is conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its Terms of Reference.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. the report relating to the investigation named Operation Selk should not be disclosed or published; and
2. the report be referenced in the Panel's final report as follows: "Sensitive PSNI Case Review Report Operation SELK (16/06/08) furnished to 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 18 June 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Kark'.

Tom Kark KC
Chair