



INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

1. On 3 June 2016 the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated as a core participant in the Accountability and Reparations investigation to make an application to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 1 July 2016.
2. An application was made on behalf of the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) for core participant status in the Accountability and Reparations investigation on 19 November 2018. While this application was made outside the window for core participant applications, the application provides reasons for this and I am satisfied that I should proceed to consider the application despite it being submitted late.
3. Applications for core participant status are considered under Rule 5 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 which provides:

(1) The chairman may designate a person as a core participant at any time during the course of the inquiry, provided that person consents to being so designated.

(2) In deciding whether to designate a person as a core participant, the chairman must in particular consider whether –

a. The person played, or may have played, a direct and significant role in relation to the matters to which the inquiry relates;

b. The person has a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the inquiry relates; or

c. The person may be subject to explicit or significant criticism during the inquiry proceedings or in the report, or in any interim report.

(3) A person ceases to be a core participant on –

a. the date specified by the chairman in writing; or

b. the end of the inquiry.



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4. In determining each person's application, the matters listed in Rule 5(2) must be considered, but the list is not exhaustive and I may also take into account other relevant matters.
5. Having regard to the provisions of Rule 5(2), I am not satisfied that the NPCC have played, or may have played, a direct and significant role in relation to the matters to which the Inquiry relates, or that there are other good reasons to designate them as core participants in the Accountability and Reparations investigation at this stage.
6. In the NPCC's application for core participant status it is stated that the NPCC (through Operation Hydrant and its access to the 43 chief officer teams it represents across England and Wales) is likely to be able to assist the Inquiry in its understanding of the approach of the police service to the investigation of child sexual abuse and exploitation. The NPCC application further states that although it has not played a direct role in past events, it is able to make significant contributions on issues of policy and strategy, for example providing expert evidence and / or examples of good practice and policy in relation to policing.
7. While acknowledging what the NPCC say about their interest in the investigation I am not currently satisfied that they have played, or may have played, a direct and significant role in relation to the matters to which the Inquiry relates.
8. As part of this phase of the investigation, the Inquiry will consider the experiences of individuals placed in children's homes in England and Wales including North Wales Children's Homes, St Leonard's Children's Home, St Aidan's and St Vincent's Children's Home, Stanhope Castle Approved School and Forde Park Approved School in order to investigate general issues of accountability and reparation for victims and survivors. The general issues that will form the primary focus of the case studies are referred to in the Final Notice of Determination dated 8 June 2018. The investigation at this stage is therefore past and present focussed and the core



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participant window which closed on 1 July 2016 related solely to participation in the five case studies. The NPCC in their application confirm they have not played a direct role in past events and make no reference to any involvement in any of the five case studies.

9. The NPCC is also already involved in the investigation with Acting Chief Constable Emma Barnett being called to give evidence as an institutional witness at the upcoming investigation hearing on issues relating to national training for police, the provision of guidance on support services to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and the provision of advice surrounding Criminal Compensation Orders and applications to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority.
10. For the above reasons I am not satisfied that the NPCC played, or may have played, a direct and significant role in relation to the matters to which the inquiry relates for the present phase of the investigation. However, I will keep the scope of the Accountability & Reparations investigation and the designation of core participants under review and the NPCC may apply at a later stage of the investigation if it chooses to do so.

Professor Alexis Jay OBE
Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

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