



INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

1. On 2 May 2019 the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated a core participant in the investigation into Child Protection in Religious Organisations and Settings to make an application to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 13 June 2019.
2. On 11 June 2019 an application was made by the **Catholic Council for the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse** (the 'CCIICSA') for core participant status in this investigation.
3. I made a provisional ruling declining the CCIICSA's application on 5 July 2019. The CCIICSA was provided with an opportunity to renew the application. The CCIICSA did not renew the application. Accordingly, this notice sets out my final determination of the application.
4. The Inquiry has published a [definition of scope](#) of investigation and an [update note](#) which provides further information about the themes that will be examined and structure of the investigation. This investigation will be thematic in nature and examine the nature and adequacy of current child protection policies, practices and procedures within religious organisations and settings within England and Wales.
5. 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;



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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.

6. In determining the 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.
7. The application explains that the CCIICSA was set up by the Catholic Church in England and Wales to assist the Inquiry. The role of the CCIICSA is to support the numerous organisations that make up the Catholic Church in England and Wales to assist them in meeting the requirements of the Inquiry. The CCIICSA's membership includes an independent Chair, two canon lawyers, representatives of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, representatives of the Conference of Religious of England and Wales, and a representative of the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service.
8. The application is put on the basis that the CCIICSA has a sufficient interest in an important aspect of the matters under investigation and/or will have a role to play in relation to any recommendations which the Inquiry may make in the future with regard to child protection in religious organisations and settings connected with the Catholic Church in England and Wales.
9. I consider that the CCIICSA's application does not meet the criteria set out in Rule 5(2)(a) or (b) for designation as a core participant in this investigation. As set out in the update note, the Inquiry is currently conducting separate investigations into child sexual abuse within the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches, and this investigation will focus on child protection policies, practices and procedures operating in other religious organisations. The CCIICSA has core participant status in



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the Roman Catholic Church investigation. Given that this investigation will not focus on the Catholic Church, I do not consider that the CCIICSA has a significant interest in relation to the investigation.

10. I should make clear that it is not necessary for an individual or organisation to be a core participant in order to provide evidence to the Inquiry. The CCIICSA may have relevant information to give in relation to the themes being considered in this investigation and the Inquiry will consider in due course whether it wishes to make a formal request for witness evidence from the CCIICSA.

11. I will keep the scope of the investigation and the designation of core participants under review as the Inquiry progresses and further invitations to apply for core participant status may be made as the investigation proceeds. My decision not to designate the CCIICSA as a core participant in this particular investigation does not preclude it from making a future application in respect of any investigation. I will consider any future application which the CCIICSA wishes to make on its merits.

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

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