



INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Inquiries Act 2005 Restriction Order Pursuant to Section 19

Child Sexual Exploitation by Organised Networks Investigation Public Hearing

Background

1. During the course of the Inquiry's hearings, documents adduced in evidence will be published on the Inquiry's website. At the conclusion of the hearing, additional documents may also be published on the Inquiry's website. In addition, witnesses and counsel will refer to matters within these documents during the hearing and as a result they may appear on screen in the hearing room, or where the hearing is taking place virtually on the live stream on the Inquiry website.
2. All documents published by the Inquiry have been carefully reviewed and where necessary have been redacted in accordance with the Inquiry's published Protocol on the Redaction of Documents (Version 3) ("Redaction Protocol"). Ciphers have been applied to replace the names of individuals whose names fall to be anonymised in accordance with the criteria set out in Annex A to the Redaction Protocol and other redactions have been applied to sensitive, irrelevant information contained within the material. Other names have been redacted rather than ciphered in accordance with the Redaction Protocol.
3. Some names are ciphered or redacted because the individuals are complainants who have a right to anonymity under section 1 of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992. Others are ciphered or redacted because they constitute sensitive personal data, may identify a complainant, are subject to a separate Restriction Order and/or are sensitive and irrelevant for the purposes of the investigation.
4. Notwithstanding the redactions and ciphers applied to the documents, it is recognised that individuals who have considerable knowledge of these matters may



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believe that they can identify ciphred individuals due to their knowledge of the particular events being referred to or may have knowledge of information redacted as sensitive and irrelevant. Witnesses and counsel may also inadvertently refer to the real name of ciphred individuals in the course of their oral evidence.

5. In order to protect the identities of the individuals whose identities are ciphred or redacted but who do not currently have the protection afforded to them by the complainant core participant Restriction Order, and to protect information redacted as sensitive and irrelevant, it is necessary to put in place this additional Restriction Order to prohibit anyone who thinks they may be able to identify the person concerned from disclosing, publishing or making public the name concerned and to prohibit anyone from disclosing, publishing or making public the name of anyone whose identity is redacted or ciphred but has been inadvertently mentioned in oral evidence during the course of the hearing.

Restriction Order

6. This Restriction Order is made under section 19(1) of the Inquiries Act 2005 and binds all members of the public, including core participants.
7. This Restriction Order prohibits the disclosure and/or publication of the name of any individual whose identity has been redacted and/or ciphred by the Inquiry, and any information redacted as sensitive and irrelevant, in connection with the Child Sexual Exploitation by Organised Networks investigation and referred to during the course of evidence adduced during the CSE by Organised Networks investigation public hearing. This includes, but is not limited to, sensitive and irrelevant information and the identities of individuals ciphred or redacted within the documentation or referred to in the transcripts published in the following ways:
 - a. On the 'hearings' and 'documents' pages of the Child Sexual Exploitation by Organised Networks investigation section of the Inquiry's website;



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- b. In any report of the Inquiry published in connection with the Child Sexual Exploitation by Organised Networks investigation, and any documents published with it.

For the avoidance of doubt, publication includes publishing information on any website, blog, Twitter or other social media.

8. In the case of public authorities, the restrictions specified in this restriction order take effect subject to the terms of section 20(6) of the Inquiries Act 2005.
9. Pursuant to section 20(4) of the Inquiries Act 2005 the Chair may vary or revoke this Restriction Order by making a further order during the course of the Inquiry.
10. Any person affected by this Order may apply in accordance with section 20 of the Inquiries Act 2005 to vary its terms.
11. This Restriction Order continues in force indefinitely, or unless the order is varied or revoked pursuant to section 20 of the Inquiries Act 2005.

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Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse**

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