

Preliminary Hearing on allegations of child sexual abuse involving Lord Greville Janner

Date: Wednesday 9 March 2016

Start time: 10:30am

Finish: Expected by 4:15pm

Location: Court 73, Royal Courts of Justice (RCJ), Strand, London WC2A 2LL (Entry via the Bell Yard North entrance - opens at 9.30am)

Hon. Dame Lowell Goddard, Chair of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, will hold a Preliminary Hearing on 9 March 2016. The Chair of the Inquiry will hear submissions from Counsel to the Inquiry and others on the following topics in relation to the Inquiry's investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse involving Lord Greville Janner:

- a) Applications for designation as Core Participant;
- b) Submissions on scope of the investigation;
- c) Broadcast of proceedings;
- d) Timetable for further hearings and applications for anonymity and funding under section 40 of the Inquiries Act 2005;
- e) Any further applications from those designated as Core Participants.

Investigation Scope

1. The Inquiry will investigate allegations of child sexual abuse involving Lord Janner.
2. To the extent that the Inquiry finds some or all of the allegations to be well founded, it will consider:
 - 2.1. the adequacy and propriety of law enforcement investigations and prosecutorial decisions relating to allegations falling within paragraph 1 above, including whether any public authority hindered or prevented the effective investigation and/or prosecution of allegations of child sexual abuse by Lord Janner;
 - 2.2. the extent to which Leicestershire County Council was aware of the allegations of abuse and the adequacy of its response;
 - 2.3. the extent to which the Labour Party, government departments, and/or the security and intelligence agencies were aware of the allegations of abuse and, if so, the adequacy of their response;
 - 2.4. the extent to which any other public or private institution may have failed in its duty to protect children from sexual abuse;
 - 2.5. whether the Kirkwood inquiry was conducted adequately and whether the omission of any mention of Lord Janner in the Kirkwood report was appropriate.
3. In light of the investigations set out above, the Inquiry will publish a report setting out its findings and recommendations to improve child protection and safeguarding in England and Wales.

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