



INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

CHANGE IN RECOGNISED LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

1. On 3 May and 24 July 2017, I granted a number of applications for core participant status in relation to the Children in the Care of Nottinghamshire Councils investigation, including applications received from the following complainant core participants: D14, D15, D16, D17, D21, D27, D29, D30, D32, D39, D40, D41, D43, D45 and D50. At the same time, Debbie Heath of Bhatia Best solicitors was designated as the recognised legal representative for those complainant core participants.
2. On 16 March 2018, the Inquiry was notified that Ms Heath had left Bhatia Best solicitors and was now at Instalaw solicitors. The Inquiry was subsequently informed, between 17 April and 8 May 2018, that the above listed complainant core participants wished to transfer their files in relation to this investigation to Instalaw solicitors. As a result of this change in legal representative, the Inquiry will now refer to these individuals as P4, P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P10, P11, P12, P13, P14, P15, P16, P17 and P18.
3. I am conscious that Instalaw solicitors will now be the seventh legal firm representing complainants in this investigation and so expect costs to be carefully managed. I note in this respect that Instalaw solicitors have confirmed that they will continue to instruct the same counsel team who also represent complainant core participants represented by Bhatia Best and Slater and Gordon solicitors.
4. Accordingly, as I am satisfied that P4 to P18 have now appointed Debbie Heath of Instalaw solicitors as their qualified lawyer, I designate Ms Heath as their recognised legal representative in this investigation in accordance with rule 6(1) Inquiry Rules 2006 as I am required by that rule to do.

Professor Alexis Jay OBE
Chair, Independent Inquiry Child Sexual Abuse

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