

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION**

1. On 5 January 2016 the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated as a core participant in the Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale investigation to make an application to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 5 February 2016.
2. On 4 February 2016, an application was made by the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police for core participant status in the Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale investigation and for Sian Williams from Legal Services Greater Manchester Police to be the recognised legal representative for the purposes of this investigation. This notice sets out my determination of the application.
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.*

4. 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 other relevant matters into account.
5. Having regard to the provisions of Rule 5(2), I am satisfied that the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police should be designated as a core participant in relation to the investigation into Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale.
6. As is explained in the application provided on behalf of the Commissioner, since 1974 Greater Manchester Police ("GMP") has been the police force with responsibility for investigation and law enforcement for the Borough of Rochdale. GMP undertook three investigations into allegations of sexual abuse related to Cambridge House Boys' Hostel and Knowl View School between 1998 and 2014. It has conducted a more recent investigation which considered whether the allegations of sexual abuse at Knowl View had been properly investigated and/or whether there may have been any cover up or collusion as regards those investigations.
7. Amongst other matters, the Inquiry's investigation into Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale will consider the extent to which law enforcement agencies were aware of allegations of sexual abuse concerning children who resided at Cambridge House or Knowl View (and potentially other institutions) and whether those agencies failed to take appropriate steps in response to it.
8. I therefore consider that the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police, through his officers, has played a direct and significant role in relation to matters under investigation and may also be subject to explicit or significant criticism during the inquiry proceedings or in the report, or in any interim report. I am thus satisfied that the Commissioner ought to be accorded core participant status having regard to Rule 5(2)(b) and (c).
9. Applications for designation as the recognised legal representative of a core participant are governed by Rules 6 and 7 of the Inquiry Rules 2006, which provide as follows:

6(1) Where -

(a) a core participant, other than a core participant referred to in rule 7; or

(b) any other person required or permitted to give evidence or produce documents during the course of the inquiry, has appointed a qualified lawyer to act on that person's behalf, the chairman must designate that lawyer as that person's recognised legal representative in respect of the inquiry proceedings.

7(1) This rule applies where there are two or more core participants, each of whom seeks to be legally represented, and the chairman considers that -

(a) their interests in the outcome of the inquiry are similar;

(b) the facts they are likely to rely on in the course of the inquiry are similar; and

(c) it is fair and proper for them to be jointly represented.

(2) The chairman must direct that those core participants shall be represented by a single recognised legal representative, and the chairman may designate a qualified lawyer for that purpose.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), any designation must be agreed by the core participants in question.

(4) If no agreement on a designation is forthcoming within a reasonable period, the chairman may designate an appropriate lawyer who, in his opinion, has sufficient knowledge and experience to act in this capacity.

10. I am satisfied that Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police has appointed Sian Williams from Legal Services Greater Manchester, as the qualified lawyer, I therefore designate Ms Williams as the recognised legal representative on behalf of the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police in accordance with Rule 6(1) as I am required by that rule to do.

11. Directions will be given for receipt of applications for an award under section 40(1)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 for expenses to be incurred in respect of legal representation at the forthcoming public hearing. Such applications by core participants will be determined in accordance with the Inquiry's Cost Protocol on Legal Representation at Public Expense.

Hon. Dame Lowell Goddard DNZM
Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

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