1	Wednesday, 27 July 2016	1	Ms McGahey.
2	(2.00 pm)	2	THE CHAIR: Ms McGahey.
3	Preliminary remarks by THE CHAIR	3	MR EMMERSON: The Shirley Oaks Survivors' Association, or
4	THE CHAIR: Yes, good afternoon everybody and welcome to the	4	SOSA, are represented by Mr Raymond Stevenson and
5	second preliminary hearing on the Inquiry's	5	Ms Lucia Hinton today.
6	investigation into children in the care of Lambeth.	6	THE CHAIR: Mr Stevenson and Ms Hinton.
7	I have sitting with me on the bench today my fellow	7	MR EMMERSON: I think they will have some submissions to
8	Panel members, Professor Sir Malcolm Evans, Ivor Frank,	8	make to you at a later stage.
9	Professor Alexis Jay and Drusilla Sharpling. Together,	9	Brian Pead, who is an applicant for core participant
10	of course, we share the collective responsibility of	10	status that you have provisionally declined, appears in
11	considering all of the material that will come before	11	person and will make some submissions at an appropriate
12	this Inquiry, determining what our findings of facts are	12	point on his renewal application.
13	based on that material and then formulating	13	THE CHAIR: Yes, Mr Pead, I will hear from you in due
14	recommendations to take forward in our reports to the	14	course.
15	Home Secretary.	15	MR PEAD: Thank you.
16	Now, Mr Emmerson, may I call on you, please, to	16	MR EMMERSON: The Lambeth investigation is focused primarily
17	address us about the business of today.	17	on abuse which took place during the 1980s and 1990s.
18	General remarks on the progress of the Inquiry into children	18	With that focus, the Inquiry has conducted a review of
19	in the care of Lambeth by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY	19	publicly available material, including media reports and
20	MR EMMERSON: Yes, indeed, Madam Chair and Members of the	20	previous published Inquiry reports into matters relating
21	Panel. As you have indicated, this is the second	21	to the sexual abuse of children in the council's care
22	preliminary hearing for the Inquiry's investigation into	22	and has also sought material from a range of
23	institutional failures to protect children in the care	23	core participants by way of statutory disclosure.
24	of Lambeth Council from sexual abuse and exploitation.	24	From Lambeth Council the Inquiry has sought and
25	My submissions this afternoon are primarily by way	25	received and has now considered and analysed a vast
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1	of an update on the Inquiry's work, but today's hearing	1	quantity of documents. First the Inquiry has received
2	will also provide an opportunity for one renewed	2	a significant tranche out of a total of more than 5,000
3	application for core participant status as well as for	3	documents contained in the council's CHILE archive.
4	the existing core participants to make submissions on	4	"CHILE" was an acronym for the Children's Homes in
5	the restriction order relating to anonymity for	5	Lambeth Inquiry and ran between 1998 and 2003. It took
6	complainants, the redaction protocol and draft redaction	6	evidence from individuals who had been in Lambeth's care
7	guidance and to raise any other matters on which they	7	from 1953 to 2003, including those who had self-referred
8	wish to make submissions.	8	to the Inquiry, as well as those who were proactively
9	In attendance this afternoon are Clair Dobbin and	9	approached by the council on the basis of suspicions
10	Marlene Cayoun, lead and supporting junior counsel for	10	that they may have been sexually abused whilst in care.
11	this investigation	11	The archive also contains records relating to staff
12	THE CHAIR: Ms Dobbin, Ms Cayoun.	12	about whom there were suspicions of misconduct or
13	MR EMMERSON: and the representation otherwise is as	13	criminal offending and records relating to the
14	follows:	14	management of different children's homes.
15	Lambeth Council is represented by my learned friend,	15	Despite concerns about what CHILE ultimately
16	Mr Verdan.	16	achieved, the evidence which it gathered is valuable to
17	THE CHAIR: Mr Verdan.	17	the Inquiry and has enabled us to identify children who
18	MR EMMERSON: The Commissioner of Police for the	18	may have been abused, suspected abusers, the homes at
19	Metropolitan area is represented by my learned friend	19	which those suspects worked and the periods of time
20	Mr Beer.	20	during which the suspects were working. Needless to
20	THE CHAIR: Mr Beer.	20	say, this Inquiry's analysis of the material considered
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23	MR EMMERSON: The Crown Prosecution Service again by Mr Brown.	23	by CHILE will be entirely independent and objective.
23	Mr Brown. THE CHAIR: Mr Brown.	23 24	Secondly, the Inquiry has received information
25		25	relating to the management and records of a range of
23	MR EMMERSON: The Secretary of State for Education again by	23	named children's homes, including Monkton Street,
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Ivy House, Southvale Assessment Centre, Angel Road and the Shirley Oaks complex.

Thirdly, the Inquiry has received information about individuals known to have abused children in Lambeth, such as Michael Carroll, a convicted sex offender who ran children's homes in the borough. The information provided includes records relating to his fostering of children and materials provided to the Clough Inquiry, which investigated the council's conduct in relation to Carroll. One of the issues being considered by the investigation is the extent to which there was candour in the disclosure provided to the Clough Inquiry.

Fourthly, the Inquiry has a range of reports commissioned by the council about children in its care or its provision of children's services. Some of those reports, for instance "Whose child?", the report into the death of Tyra Henry, are not directly relevant to the issue of the sexual abuse of children in Lambeth, but they do provide vital information about the wider cultural and management issues within the council which may negatively have affected the provision of services across a number of Lambeth directorates.

These reports allow the Inquiry to begin the process of plotting how Lambeth responded not just to instances of reported sexual abuse of children, but also how it and the experience of children who lived in these homes.

The Inquiry's analysis of the evidence disclosed by Lambeth thus far is focused on six principal questions: first, to what extent were children sexually abused whilst they were in the care of Lambeth Council? Secondly, was the sexual abuse of children living in Lambeth's children's homes organised in the sense that abusers enabled other abusers to have access to children who lived in those homes? Thirdly, what information or evidence was before Lambeth Council at the material times to demonstrate that children in its care were at risk of sexual abuse? Fourth, to what extent did Lambeth put children at risk of sexual abuse by its recruitment practices and by its management of children's homes? Fifth, what extent was the response of the council and individual employees to evidence of sexual abuse adequate? And lastly, what was the experience of children who were fostered?

I turn now to consider the evidence received from the Metropolitan Police. Over the years, the MPS has been involved in a number of investigations relating to allegations of the sexual abuse of children in the care of Lambeth Council. The Inquiry has an interest in securing the product of those investigations, but also in understanding the extent to which the investigations

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responded to each report which it commissioned. The quantity of reports produced to the Inquiry gives rise to a question which the Panel will in due course need to consider of whether there may have been a culture within Lambeth of commissioning reports in response to failures, rather than tackling the failures already identified.

As you may appreciate the scale of the disclosure

As you may appreciate, the scale of the disclosure exercise is genuinely enormous. Lambeth described the extent of the materials which had to be sifted for relevance at the last hearing. It will be recalled that, in addition to the CHILE archive, there are 100,000 items in the "Restore" archive, which mostly comprises individual children's files, and some 26,000 boxes of material held in locations around the county. In the light of the scale of that disclosure exercise, Lambeth has agreed to provide disclosure on a rolling basis, once a month.

The sheer volume of material considered by the Inquiry thus far underscores the vast scale of the task faced by this investigation. Of the records so far analysed, very few have proved to be wholly irrelevant. They nearly all provide information about the culture of homes within Lambeth, the quality of the staff who worked at them, the quality of care provided to children

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were conducted adequately.

One issue the MPS must address is the allegation that there was interference in the investigation carried out by Detective Inspector Driscoll into abuse within Lambeth homes. Those issues will be pursued as the investigation develops. But for present purposes the imperative has been to receive information gathered during the MPS investigations in order to assist the Inquiry's understanding of the prevalence of sexual abuse in Lambeth children's homes.

The first tranche of disclosure from the MPS relates to a man called Leslie Paul. Paul worked at the Southvale Assessment Centre and has been convicted three times in respect of the sexual abuse of children, in 1993, 2003 and 2015.

The investigation is using the material gathered for those prosecutions to understand how the allegations against Paul unfolded, what the council knew about him at material points in time and how the council responded to information that he may have been sexual abusing children.

Since the last preliminary hearing, the Inquiry -specifically counsel -- have held two meetings with the
representatives of the Shirley Oaks Survivors'
Association. The continued involvement of SOSA, if

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1 I can use the acronym, in this investigation is very 2 welcome and we very much hope that that will continue. 3 I reiterate the importance which the Inquiry attaches to 4 the participation of individuals who can speak to their 5 experiences in Lambeth homes. 6

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Alongside the Inquiry's investigative work, the research team is providing support to enable the investigation to understand more about Lambeth and its population over time. Research has begun that will provide information about Lambeth's demographics and the demographics of its looked after children, as well as the structure and funding arrangements for the provision of services to those children. Researchers are analysing the existing inspection reports for Lambeth's statutory children's services and tracking the implementation of any recommendations that were made. It is intended that this will in due course allow us to put what we know about the institutional responses to child sexual abuse in Lambeth in its national and historic context. It is anticipated that all three of the local authority investigation reports will provide background information in a standardised format.

tasked here today to present my case to this court for core participant status. Notwithstanding my belief that anyone who has been abused is automatically a core participant, I present my case as follows:

I have the permission of a very famous person to reveal to the court the following extract from his forthcoming autobiography, which I am in the fortunate position of ghost-writing for him. He says that this teacher:

"... if you weren't good at his subject ... you would be called to the study where he would lecture you. He would smack you around the head several times, perhaps a half dozen times. He would clout you with his giant hand. It was like a ritual. He would get you to drop your trousers ... then your pants ... then he would bring out a hairbrush which was leather-lined to prevent bruising. He would smack your bare bottom until it stung."

And this person says that he tried not to cry through the throbbing pain. Then he says that sometimes the teacher would hug him.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is but one small extract from his autobiography which I feel epitomises the very notion of abuse of power and authority. I shall reveal his name at the conclusion of this application.

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The Inquiry has received nine applications for

core participant status. Applying the principles

contained in the Inquiry Rules, you have granted

participant status to five of those applicants. There have been so far no awards for legal expenses funding under section 40

Since the last hearing, the Inquiry has received two new applications for core participant status. You provisionally declined them both, but one of them, Mr Brian Pead, has indicated an intention to renew his

application today. This would, I think --THE CHAIR: Would this be a convenient time? Yes, thank

vou. Mr Pead, would you care to address me? Feel free to

say whatever you wish to say, but I remember very well your application and my provisional determination, so that perhaps you could emphasise anything additional that you might want to say or anything that was in my determination, my provisional determination, with which you wish to take issue.

18 Renewed application for core participant status by 19

MR BRIAN PEAD

MR PEAD: I understand completely, Madam Chair. Thank you. I would like to thank you and the members of the Panel for this opportunity to allow me to come here today and to speak before you.

My application here today draws on several strands, but they are all relevant, I can assure you. I am

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His account is but a mere grain of sand when compared with all the abuse of power that people are subjected to on a daily basis the world over, but I believe that this country is on the verge of history. 800 years after Magna Carta was signed by King John at Runnymede -- and I noted that downstairs when I came in this morning -- the poor, the oppressed, the bullied and the abused are still fighting for the right to be treated equally; the right to be treated as human beings. A light is beginning to shine and this Inquiry, obviously, helps to shine the light.

"In the naked light I saw.

"Ten thousand people, maybe more.

"People talking without speaking.

"People hearing without listening.

"People writing songs.

"That voices never share.

"And no one dare.

"Disturb the sound of silence."

Perhaps for the first time in this country's history, the survivors of abuse are being given a voice.

22 How strong that voice becomes is in part up to this

23 Inquiry. But I believe that, no matter what the outcome

of this Inquiry, those who were abused will rise up and

ensure that their voices are heard. They may not

ultimately receive the justice they richly deserve, but 1 protection of whistle-blowers. The reality is that 2 2 they will have their voices heard. No more the sound of there is none. 3 3 Then, in 2011, whilst held on remand in silence, Madam Chair, no more the sound of silence. 4 I, along with a brother, was abused in the late 4 Belmarsh Prison for the alleged witness intimidation of 5 5 my 12-year-old grand-daughter, who has never been 1950s and 1960 in a children's home in Harpenden, 6 Hertfordshire, and I'm in the process of having that 6 a witness in any trial or hearing, I was wrongly 7 7 investigated by Hertfordshire Police and I understand convicted of the harassment of my beloved daughter and 8 I can't make any further comment. But it has taken me 8 eldest grand-child when neither family member had ever 9 9 ten years and five unlawful terms of imprisonment just made a complaint to the police against me, ever made 10 to get to this stage. Those in positions of power did 10 a witness statement or ever appeared in court. Police 11 not want my voice to be heard. 11 told my daughter I was a paedophile and threatened to 12 "'Fools', said I, 'you do not know 12 have her children taken into care if she maintained 13 "Silence like a cancer grows 13 further contact with me. 14 "Hear my words that I might teach you 14 I have been beaten up in the street by police 15 "'Take my arms that I might reach you.' 15 officers and, when decent ordinary members of the public 16 16 wrote to the police to complain about brutality, they "But my words like silent raindrops fell. 17 were visited by senior officers and forced to withdraw "And echoed in the wells of silence." 17 18 When I became the head of a pupil referral unit in 18 their statements. 19 Lambeth in 2005, I ended up blowing the whistle on child 19 I turn to Mr Emmerson's comments regarding 20 abuse, racism and bullying, but was unlawfully dismissed 20 DCI Driscoll, who, of course, is well known to this 21 whilst a teacher I had sacked for the grooming of 21 Inquiry. He told me on 9 March 2015 that I had been 22 22 students was reinstated by Lambeth into an all girls' targeted by Scotland Yard because of my research and 23 23 school. At a disciplinary hearing prior to my unlawful books. Silence indeed like a cancer grows. 24 dismissal, Alex Passman, an employment law specialist 24 I have had no contact with my beloved family since 25 from the University of Plymouth, told me, "Brian, you 25 2008 due to the state's interference in my private and Page 13 Page 15 1 family life as a means to silence me. But no more the 1 are being set up by Lambeth". He was not wrong. 2 Following my unlawful dismissal, I entered 2 sound of silence, Madam Chair, no more the sound of 3 silence. 3 a Kafka-esque world of local authority and police 4 A book I wrote about my experiences at Lambeth, 4 corruption as Lambeth Council sought to maintain the 5 5 entitled "From Hillsborough to Lambeth", was banned at sound of silence. In 2013, they applied for a permanent 6 this very court in 2013. I even went to prison for two 6 gagging order on me for the rest of my life. But no 7 weeks for a bogus allegation of contempt of court. But more the sound of silence, Madam Chair, no more the 8 8 sound of silence. my co-author, Michael Bird, did not go to prison for he 9 had not been a whistle-blower. That book, "From 9 In 2009, I was wrongly convicted of inciting 10 a 14-year-old female by offering her sex for money. She 10 Hillsborough to Lambeth", was received by former 11 did not exist. You can read the true account of that 11 Home Secretary Jack Straw by Lambeth MPs, Chuka Umunna, 12 Kate Hoey, Tessa Jowell, former Justice Minister 12 trial in my book called "Framed!", and in 2012, 13 Madam Chair, Alasdair Palmer of the Daily Telegraph and 13 Simon Hughes and many others, including the present 14 Shadow Home Secretary, Andy Burnham, who, as everybody 14 a former speech-writer for our present Prime Minister, 15 Theresa May, read through the documentation in that case 15 probably knows, was instrumental in achieving truth and 16 justice for the families of Hillsborough. and emailed me with the following: 16 17 He sent me a letter saying he had read the book with 17 "Brian, it is clear to me that you are indeed the 18 great interest and he commended my own fight for 18 victim of an injustice, as you maintain." 19 19 Four years on, I am still waiting for that justice. It is my fervent wish that this present 20 20 conviction to be quashed. It has been held over me like Inquiry achieve a similar result to that of 21 21 Hillsborough. What are we, what are our lives, without the Sword of Damocles so that the Home Office has an 22 22 excuse -- they will call it a "legitimate right" -- to truth and justice? 23 In July 2013, as I mentioned before, Lambeth Council 23 interfere with all aspect of my life, including the 24 unlawful interference in all forms of my communications 24 spent money on making an application at this very court 25 25 for a permanent gagging order. That application would and keeping me under surveillance. So much for the Page 14 Page 16

have cost several thousand pounds, money which could have gone towards prevention of child abuse. But no more the sound of silence, Madam Chair, no more the sound of silence.

The book is still banned, though I am producing

The book is still banned, though I am producing a second updated edition. I believe that my experiences as a head-teacher at Lambeth and my writing and my experiences in a children's home should lead me to become a core participant. In 2013 I was wrongly convicted in a Magistrates' Court of criminal damage to a car belonging to Eon, the energy company. I wrote to the full board of directors for proof of this allegation and three years later none has been forthcoming.

In 2014 I was ghosted around the prison estate and I was in ten different prisons in just 12 weeks. Hardened criminals told me they had never heard of such a thing before. "Blimey mate, you've trod on some powerful toes" was the general consensus.

a barrister, but I have never spoken on another person's behalf in a court of law nor donned a wig or gown so it is clearly an unsafe conviction. In 2015, when my Member of Parliament, Sir Henry Bellingham, sent Christmas and birthday cards to my family members, I was found guilty of breaches of a restraining order issued

dated 11 May 2016, and Sir Henry wrote:

"I am quite convinced that Brian Pead is a victim of a number of miscarriages of justice."

Like Alex Passman, like Alasdair Palmer, like
Clive Driscoll and like so many others, Sir Henry is not
wrong. As part of my research into the famous man's
autobiography, he said to me, "All through my trial, you
know, I wondered when my defence team was going to get
round to telling my version of events. In fact they
never did. No one ever heard my account". But no more
the sound of silence, Madam Chair, no more the sound of
silence.

So, in conclusion, these are, I believe, momentous times. The nothingness of silence no longer reigns. Slowly, imperceptibly, with the help of inquiries such as this one here today, voices can be heard. They may yet be a whisper, but a whisper can grow into a shout, and I shall devote the rest of my life, however long that may be, to helping others to find their voice and to the protection of whistle-blowers in this country.

Oh yes, I have been wrongly imprisoned on five occasions, subjected to over 30 arrests, beaten up in the street, separated from my family, made homeless, but I still have a voice and still I am able to write.

I realise I am but a small cog, but while that cog still

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In 2015 I was found guilty of impersonating

in error by a Bexley Magistrates' Court and I was sentenced to two years in prison. The Home Office ensured I spent it in a sex offender's prison in a further attempt to defame me.

The abuse still continues. Upon my release from prison, I have been made homeless. The local authority does not believe that a man released from prison with no home to go to is vulnerable. The authorities tried to run me out of money. They have removed three of my websites, "AllAroundJustice.com", "LambethChildAbuseandCoverUp.com" and

"BrianPeadisInnocent.com". However, I do believe two are still active, which is "LambethChildAbuse.org" and "Justice4Brianpead.com".

The rubric for core participant status requires someone to have more than a significant interest in the Inquiry. As a survivor of abuse, as a former head-teacher who blew the whistle on abuse and as an author about abuse, I believe that I have more than a significant interest.

Now I return to the famous man at the start of this application. He was so incensed at reading some of documentation in my four unsafe convictions and angry at the state's treatment of me and my family, he wrote to my MP, Sir Henry Bellingham. The MP replied in a letter

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turns, I shall devote the remainder of my life to advocating realistic safeguards, not mere lip service to whistle-blowers. A whole new policy needs to be written and implemented and I should like to sit on a board making that policy.

I have offered my services to the Labour Party in this respect and also to the present government through my MP. I leave the last word to my friend, whose autobiography I feel so privileged to be writing. I believe his words to be poignant and touching, with an emotional depth so redolent of those who have been abused.

"I am not sure", he says, "what happiness is. All my life I have looked for things to give me a reason to live ... a sense of purpose to continue ... I had gone to Scotland to get away from my depression and from the girl. I would have liked marriage, but I find sex too personal -- it's like an assault on the other person. I create a lot of my disappointments. 40 years ago I had a good relationship with a woman but I was absent emotionally. I should have married her, but I didn't because I couldn't walk up the aisle without thinking that, because of the childhood abuse, people would think that I was a pervert."

Those are the words of [redacted] who went on trial

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for murder. We are currently in the process of seeking to overturn his conviction for manslaughter. His remarks, Madam Chair, just about sum up for me the legacy of child abuse, the sense of shame, the blaming oneself, a negative way of thinking and sometimes being emotionally distant when the thing you crave is emotional closeness.

In truth, Madam Chair, I came here today not to make an application to be a core participant per se, but to have the voice of my late brother finally heard, to have my own voice heard, to have the voice of [redacted] heard and to be an advocate for those who have no voice or who are too afraid to speak out for fear of receiving the same kind of treatment I have been subjected to for a decade now.

I thank you, Madam Chair and Panel, for providing me with the forum to have our voices heard so that, in these historical times, when the oppressed are learning to discover their voice and realise the power they have. yet all too frequently give away, so that their voices can resonate down through the generations to ensure that whilst child abuse will never be totally eliminated, it can at least be minimalised and talked about openly, so that the sound of silence no longer holds any power to diminish the lives of abused human beings.

and 19(4) to conclude that there is a risk of harm or

2 damage from the disclosure and that therefore

publication of that name should be prohibited.

4 THE CHAIR: Yes.

Mr Pead, I don't need to hear from you in response,

6 unless you have anything directed to the legal

submission.

MR PEAD: I'm sorry, could you repeat that?

9 THE CHAIR: I don't require to hear from you in response to

10 Mr Emmerson's application to me unless you have anything

to say that is specifically directed to the legal point

that Mr Emmerson has made.

13 MR PEAD: Thank you for repeating it. I understand it. My

response is very short, very simply.

THE CHAIR: Well, is it directed to the legal?

16 MR PEAD: Yes, it is. It is that I have his permission to 17

have read that out.

Restriction Order

THE CHAIR: Well, look, in the interim and in the absence of

20 that being verified, I make a restriction order under 21 section 19(1)(b) and section 19(4) of the Inquiries Act

22 2005 accordingly.

23 MR EMMERSON: Thank you very much, Madam.

THE CHAIR: I will just be specific. That relates directly

25 to the publication of [redacted]'s name.

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1 Madam Chair, I offer you a passage from Proverbs 31,

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"Speak up, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the afflicted inflicted and oppressed."

You see in the words of the late Martin Luther King that the time comes when silence itself is a betrayal.

Please, Madam Chair, no more the sound of silence, no more the sound of silence. That's my submission.

Thank you very much for the opportunity.

THE CHAIR: Yes, Mr Pead, thank you very much for your

11 thoughtful submission. I will consider it as an

12 application for further consideration of your

13 application for core participant status and I will let

you have my decision in due course.

MR PEAD: I understand. Thank you very much.

16 Submissions re restriction order by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

MR EMMERSON: I have nothing to say in response, but, Madam,

18 may I ask you to make a restriction order in respect of

the name of [redacted]. He is a notorious individual in

20 this jurisdiction. If what is read out is true, he's

potentially entitled to protection and anonymity under

22 the sexual offences acts and, in any event, there is 23

nothing to indicate that consent has been given for his

name to be mentioned in this way. So that is rather an

important matter. So we ask you, under section 19(1)(b)

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1 MR EMMERSON: Simply to the name "[redacted]"?

2 THE CHAIR: Yes.

3 MR EMMERSON: That will obviously need to be redacted from

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4 the transcript as well.

THE CHAIR: Yes. Just so that we are clear, everybody in 5

this hearing room understands what the order is that

7 I have just made, I am sure. If anybody is not clear,

8 will they please speak to counsel about that before they

9 leave the hearing and, in the interim, nothing is to be

tweeted in relation to [redacted]'s name or otherwise

11 communicated. Thank you.

MR EMMERSON: Thank you, Madam.

13 That concludes the core participant update, save to

14 formally put on the record, of course, that once again

15 SOIA made a general application which is applicable to

16 this investigation also.

THE CHAIR: Which I will consider.

MR EMMERSON: As I have explained now on a number of 18

occasions, a draft restriction order has been circulated

20 to core participants which proposes to grant anonymity

21 to complainant core participants in all the

investigations. We have also posted a redaction

23 protocol on the Inquiry's website and circulated

redaction guidance which reflects the approach on

anonymity that the Inquiry has adopted and addresses

1	a broader range of individuals whose identities may be	1	explanation as to why the failings seem to recur over	
2	revealed.	2	the decades. It would appear that no one investigated	
3	Madam, I don't believe that anybody has indicated	3		
4	a wish to make submissions on the draft restriction	4	unacceptable consequence of a hidden agenda.	
5	order.	5	Moreover, "Turning a Blind Eye for 33 Years"	
6	No, I see that is the position.	6	confirms our belief that there was a white male	
7	Lambeth have put in quite a detailed submission on	7	hierarchy of senior managers running Lambeth Housing and	
8	the work that has been done for the purposes of	8	Social Services Department, that they had an unholy	
9	disclosure which is extremely helpful. But, again,	9	alliance that negated any obligation to protect the	
10	I understand Mr Verdan does not need to speak to that.	10	children in its care. Included in this group were	
11	THE CHAIR: Mr Verdan?	11	police officers, who were part of Middleton	
12	MR VERDAN: No, thank you, Madam.	12	investigation in which we say now we have the evidence	
13	THE CHAIR: Thank you.	13	was a cover-up.	
14	MR EMMERSON: So if I can just tie that up, Madam: as with	14	The finger clearly points at the police and Lambeth,	
15	all hearings this week, those are the submissions	15	and in the police's case we know at least one victim was	
16	collectively on the restriction order or the absence of	16	told that the abuser was dead, only for us to discover	
17	them and they will be carried over until after the end	17	in our research that they were in fact alive at the time	
18	of this week's hearings.	18	of the investigation.	
19	There is nothing else that I need to say to you, but	19	The names Gary Pankhurst and Richard Gargini are two	
20	I know that Mr Stevenson, on behalf of SOSA, has some	20 officers who have been mentioned as people who we		
21	words to say.	21	believe were obstructing the initial investigation into	
22	THE CHAIR: Yes, Mr Stevenson.	22	paedophile rings into Lambeth. For this and many other	
23	Submissions on behalf of the Shirley Oaks Survivors'	23	reasons, our members are reluctant to engage with the	
24	Association by MR RAYMOND STEVENSON	24	Metropolitan Police. We note that the discussions about	
25	MR STEVENSON: Since the last preliminary hearing, SOSA has	25	Leslie Paul, there was no mention that he was a police	
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1	continued to grow and we have now spoken to over	1	officer. We would like to reiterate that again.	
2	600 survivors from across the world, all of which tell	2	We are currently producing the Shirley Oaks report,	
3	a similar story of sexual and physical abuse and it	3	which outlines the history of child abuse in	
4	being subsequently covered up. We are currently	4	Shirley Oaks from the 1950s to when it closed in 1983.	
5	producing five reports in connection to the abuse to	5	The report contains the personal accounts of those	
6	Lambeth.	6	subject to abuse while in the care of Lambeth children's	
7	"Turning a Blind Eye for 33 Years" has been	7	homes. The council has been privy to reading 70 pages	
8	completed by an independent person and we have disclosed	8	of this report and I am sure they will confirm that it	
9	a copy to the Inquiry and to Lambeth Council. The terms	9	documents what we have claimed to be physical and sexual	
10	of reference for "Turning a Blind Eye for 33 Years" was	10	abuse on an industrial scale.	
11	to analyse the various reports that had been produced by	11	The report includes the name of 60 paedophiles and	
12	Lambeth over the decades and to cut and paste any	12	their victims and outlines how they operated and kept	
13	sections where the council had admitted to failing to	13	their abuse under wraps for decades. This report is due	
14	follow their national or local guidelines or the	14	to be submitted to the Inquiry in the New Year.	
15	council's own childcare policies.	15	However, in order for us to complete our work, there is	
16	The reason we commissioned this report is to enable	16	a vital piece of information we need to have access to.	
17	us to understand the backdrop to what took place at	17	This is being hampered by a 100-year banning order on	
18	Shirley Oaks and other Lambeth children's homes.	18	various documents related to Shirley Oaks. If we were	
19	Lambeth have conceded that they could not dispute the	19	to accept on face value the 100-year order, we would	
20	findings because they are in essence their own words.	20	have to wait until we were dead or until our	
21	The conclusion of "Turning a Blind Eye" are	21	grandchildren are adults before the truth about the	
22	consistent with our own findings that each report in	22	sexual and physical exploitation of Shirley Oaks is	
23	isolation appears to blame a catalogue of errors and	23	revealed. This is not acceptable.	
24	mismanagement as an integral ingredient of the failings.	24	We would ask the Inquiry to allow us to have access	
25	What was consistent by its absence was a coherent	25	to the relevant documents covered by the order and that	
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1	all core participants in this Inquiry also have access	1	then calling lawyers to deal with the whole Inquiry.
2	to these documents. Without this we are at	2	But at this moment we are adamant that there are pieces
3	a disadvantage because Lambeth and the police already	3	of information that we would need to have before we take
4	have access to many of these documents.	4	that next stage and also before we commit to the rest of
5	The remaining three reports are the Lambeth report,	5	this Inquiry. And it is really important for our
6	which includes the remaining children's homes, such as	6	members to understand what went on and not just to be
7	Angel Road, Southvale, Chevington and Highland Road and	7	told by other people or for lawyers to navigate their
8	many more, of which we have survivors from all of these	8	way around it.
9	children's homes. The last report is a report on the	9	So I think we are kind of reliant on yourself to
10	policing and the failings in regard to Lambeth	10	understand that there are bits of elements of our
11	childcare.	11	history that we need to know about, which is maybe just
12	Our report into the Social Services Inspectorate and	12	as important as reparation and all those other things,
13	their failings in regard to the children's homes is	13	us discovering for ourselves.
14	completed.	14	THE CHAIR: Of course it is entirely a matter for you and
15	Lastly we want to know if any suspect or convicted	15	for the other members of the association. But I just
16	paedophiles gave evidence at the Peter Davis abuse trial	16	renew that piece of advice for you to consider and bear
17	against his house parent at Shirley Oaks. If so, the	17	in mind as you go.
18	100-year order is being used to protect the identity of	18	MR STEVENSON: Thank you very much.
19	these people. This is not acceptable and is not	19	THE CHAIR: All right. Thank you for your submission.
20	consistent with the Freedom of Information Act and the	20	Mr Emmerson?
21	Data Protection Act.	21	MR EMMERSON: Madam, that is the conclusion of the issues
22	Thank you very much.	22	which I need to raise before you.
23	THE CHAIR: Yes, thank you, Mr Stevenson.	23	THE CHAIR: Right. Any counsel wish to be heard on anything
24	Last time you appeared before me, I raised with you,	24	else?
25	as you have core participant status, as Shirley Oaks	25	All right. Thank you to all counsel, to
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1	Survivor's Association has core participant status,	1	Mr Stevenson and Mr Pead. The Panel and I will now
2	whether or not you would like to apply for legal	2	retire.
3	assistance to help you prepare your submissions and your	3	(2.47 pm)
4	cases for this Inquiry and also, you know, to help you	4 5	(The hearing adjourned to a date to be fixed)
5	work your way through the legalistics of this 100-year		Preliminary remarks by THE CHAIR1
6	banning order to which you refer.	6	General remarks on the progress of1
7	That may be of assistance if you were to have that.	7	the Inquiry into children in
8	I know counsel and I say counsel plural for the		the care of Lambeth by COUNSEL
9	Inquiry will, of course, be engaging with you and	8	TO THE INQUIRY
10	assisting you	9	Renewed application for core10 participant status by
11	MR STEVENSON: Yes.	10	MR BRIAN PEAD
12	THE CHAIR: but there can be benefits in having your own	11	Submissions re restriction order by22
13	counsel as well. It is a matter for you entirely. Of	12	COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY
14	course I'm not pressing you, but I just want to renew my		Restriction Order23
15	advice.	13	Cubmissions on bobalf of the Chinley
16	MR STEVENSON: And we are considering it, but I think there	14	Submissions on behalf of the Shirley25 Oaks Survivors' Association by
17	are still caveats that we have to and I think the		MR RAYMOND STEVENSON
18	100-year order, if we want to have access to the	15	
19	information and unlike many groups, we want to know	16 17	
20	exactly what happened ourselves, rather than it being	18	
21	told to us third-hand from lawyers. So at the point	19	
22	when we feel we know what went on and I have to	20 21	
23	Lambeth have helped us to understand we think this	22	
24	you know, we are relying on you for the particular	23	
25	elements that enable us to finally finish our report and	24 25	
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