



INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

1. On 3 June 2016 the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated as a core participant in the Accountability and Reparations investigation to make an application to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 1 July 2016.
2. An application was made by Mickey Summers for core participant status in the Accountability and Reparations investigation on 4 May 2018. While this application was made outside the window for core participant applications, the application provides reasons for this and I am satisfied that I should proceed to consider the application despite its being submitted late. This notice sets out my determination of this application.
3. I made a provisional ruling declining the application on 19 June 2018. Mr Summers was provided with an opportunity to renew his application by notifying the Solicitor to the Inquiry of his intention to renew and providing written submissions in support of his application. Mr Summers did not renew his application. Accordingly this Notice sets out my final determination of the application.
4. 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;*



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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.

5. In determining each person's application, the matters listed in Rule 5(2) must be considered, but the list is not exhaustive and I may also take into account other relevant matters.
6. Mr Summers was designated as a core participant in the Children in the Care of Nottinghamshire Councils investigation on 3 May 2017 in light of the allegations of sexual abuse concerning his time in the care of the Nottinghamshire Councils and his role in relation to those matters. It is submitted that it has become increasingly clear during Mr Summers' involvement with this investigation that his focus is very much upon accountability and reparations.
7. In Mr Summers' application for core participant status in the Accountability and Reparations investigation, it is stated that he is one of the founders and leaders of the Nottingham Child Sexual Abuse Survivors Group (NCSASG) and a prominent and vocal campaigner for accountability and reparations for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse. Mr Summers' campaigning work is focused on these issues, as well as the abuse he himself suffered as a child. It is said that much of his work concerns the aftermath of abuse and the continuing shortcomings in support systems and reparation systems for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse.
8. While acknowledging Mr Summers' considerable experience as a campaigner, having regard to the provisions of Rule 5(2), I am not satisfied that Mr Summers has a significant interest in the matters under investigation or that there are other good



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reasons to designate him as a core participant in the Accountability and Reparations investigation. As part of this investigation, the Inquiry will consider the experiences of individuals placed in children's homes in England and Wales including North Wales Children's Homes, St Leonard's Children's Home, St Aidan's Children's Home, Stanhope Castle Approved School and Forde Park Approved School, in order to investigate general issues of accountability and reparation for victims and survivors, including the extent to which this can be achieved through the existing processes of civil litigation, criminal compensation and support services. It is acknowledged and accepted in Mr Summers' application that the existing case studies are outside his individual experience. For this reason, I am not satisfied that Mr Summers has a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the inquiry relates. Accordingly, I decline the application to designate Mr Summers as a core participant in this investigation.

9. I will keep the scope of the Accountability and Reparations investigation and the designation of core participants under review. In the meantime I will consider any future application which Mr Summers wishes to make on its merits in relation to the existing case studies in this investigation.

Professor Alexis Jay OBE
Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

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