

**Inquiries Act 2005  
Restriction Order Pursuant to Section 19**

**Nottinghamshire Councils investigation public hearing**

**Background**

1. The Public Hearing in the Nottinghamshire Councils investigation began on 1 October 2018 and concludes on 26 October 2018, with non sitting days from 10 to 16 October 2018). During the course of the hearing documents adduced in evidence are being published on the Inquiry's website. At the conclusion of the hearing, additional documents may also be published on the Inquiry's website.
2. All documents published by the Inquiry have been carefully reviewed and where necessary have been redacted in accordance with the Inquiry's published Protocol on the Redaction of Documents (Version 2) ("Redaction Protocol"). Ciphers have been applied to replace the names of individuals whose names fall to be anonymised in accordance with the criteria set out in Annex A to the Redaction Protocol and other redactions have been applied to sensitive, irrelevant information contained within the material.
3. Some names are ciphered because they are the names of core participants whose identity is protected by the complainant core participant Restriction Order dated 15 July 2016. Others are ciphered because they constitute sensitive personal data, are subject to a separate Restriction Order and/or are irrelevant for the purposes of the investigation.
4. Notwithstanding the redactions and ciphers applied to the documents it is recognised that individuals who have considerable knowledge of these matters, and in particular the people who worked at the relevant organisations or resided at particular homes or with foster carers, may believe that they can identify ciphered individuals due to their knowledge of the particular events being referred to or may have knowledge of information redacted as sensitive and irrelevant. In order to protect the identities of

the individuals whose identities are ciphered but who do not currently have the protection afforded to them by the complainant core participant Restriction Order, and protect information redacted as irrelevant and sensitive, it is necessary to put in place this additional Restriction Order to prohibit anyone who thinks they may identify the person concerned or the nature of the sensitive information from disclosing or publishing the name or information.

### **Restriction Order**

5. This Restriction Order is made under section 19(1) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”) and binds all members of the public, including core participants.
6. This Restriction Order prohibits the disclosure or publication of the name of any individual whose identity has been redacted and/or ciphered by the Inquiry, and any information redacted as irrelevant and sensitive, in connection with its investigation into the Nottinghamshire Councils investigation and referred to during the course of evidence adduced during the Inquiry’s proceedings. This includes, but is not limited to, irrelevant and sensitive information and the identities of individuals ciphered within the documentation or referred to in the transcripts published in the following ways:
  - a. On the ‘hearings’ and ‘documents’ pages of the Nottinghamshire Councils section of the Inquiry’s website;
  - b. In any report of the Inquiry published in connection with this investigation, and any documents published with it.

For the avoidance of doubt, publication includes publishing information on any website, blog, Twitter or other social media.

7. In the case of public authorities, the restrictions specified in this Order take effect subject to the terms of section 20(6) of the Inquiries Act 2005.

8. Pursuant to section 20(4) of the Inquiries Act 2005 the Chair may vary or revoke this Restriction Order by making a further order during the course of the Inquiry.
9. Any person affected by this Order may apply in accordance with section 20 of the Inquiries Act 2005 to vary its terms.
10. This Restriction Order continues in force indefinitely, or unless the order is varied or revoked pursuant to section 20 of the Inquiries Act 2005.

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

**26 October 2018**