

**WESTMINSTER INVESTIGATION
DIRECTIONS RE PROTECTIVE MEASURES**

By my [determination](#) dated 8 February 2019, I granted anonymity to the corporate witnesses from MI5, GCHQ and the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) that I was minded to call to give evidence. In paragraph 10 of that determination, I directed that it would be necessary for their representatives to liaise with the Solicitor to the Inquiry regarding any particular protective measures necessary over and above those normally given to anonymous witnesses.

No such measures are now needed for the GCHQ witness, as I have decided it is no longer necessary to call that witness to give evidence in person. Applications for special protective measures to be taken were, however, received from MI5 and SIS and the Solicitor to the Inquiry informed core participants that I was minded to accept most, but not all of the additional protections requested by email on 26 February 2019. Observations were invited from core participants by 4pm on 28 February 2019.

The only observation received agreed with my provisional view. Having considered the matter, I now make the following directions in respect of the evidence of the anonymous MI5 and SIS corporate witnesses ('the witnesses'):

1. The witnesses will both give evidence by video link. They will be visible (on screens) to the Chair and Panel and to Counsel to the Inquiry, but will not be visible to anyone else.
2. Core participants, legal representatives, members of the public and the media who are present in the hearing room and/or the media annex will be able to hear the witnesses giving evidence, but will not be able to see them.
3. The audio feed of the witnesses' evidence will not be live streamed on the Inquiry's website, nor will it be uploaded after the witnesses have given their evidence.

4. Transcripts of the witnesses' evidence will be published on the website in the normal way.
5. As to electronic devices in both the hearing room and the press annex while the two witnesses are giving their evidence:
 - a. Inquiry staff will be permitted to use electronic devices needed for operating the VTC and transcription equipment.
 - b. The transcribing team will be permitted to record the witnesses' evidence in the normal way, but will ensure that the recordings are deleted as soon as each transcript has been perfected.
 - c. Accredited members of the media in the media annex will be permitted to use electronic devices but are forbidden from making any audio recording of the witnesses' evidence.
 - d. Members of the legal teams in the hearing room will likewise be permitted to use electronic devices but are forbidden from making any audio recording of the witnesses' evidence.
 - e. All other electronic devices must be switched off, including for the avoidance of doubt any such devices in the possession of core participants and of everyone sitting in the public gallery.
6. The two witnesses will not be named and their names will not be published by or in connection with the Inquiry.

Professor Alexis Jay OBE
Chair, Independent Inquiry Child Sexual Abuse

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