INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Inquiries Act 2005 Restriction Order Pursuant to Section 19

Westminster investigation

Background

- On 5 February 2018, the Inquiry received an application for core participant status from an individual known to the Inquiry as WM-A5. On 25 April 2018, I issued a determination indicating that I was minded to refuse the application, but inviting WM-A5 to make further submissions if she wished to do so. The Inquiry received further submissions on behalf of WM-A5 on 9 May 2018.
- 2. Having considered those further submissions with care, I refused her application by way of determination dated 31 July 2018 which was published on the Inquiry's website on 1 August 2018. The Inquiry received a complaint about the wording of the determination and took down the determination whilst it considered these matters. Representations were made to the effect that the determination should be redacted . amended in order to protect WM-A5's anonymity on 7 and 13 August and 19 September 2018.
- 3. Having taken those representations into consideration, the Inquiry has decided to publish a summary of the Chair's determination of WM-A5's application for designation as a core participants. It does not accept that the determination published on 1 August or the summary determination published on 15 October 2018 is capable of identifying WM-A5 by name to members of the general public. However, given WM-A5's concerns about the risk of being named in public by a small number of individuals with prior specific knowledge of her account, I consider it necessary to issue a specific restriction order which prevents the publishing of her name in the context of her application and determination for core participant status.
- 4. This is the written form of that order.



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 the media and Core Participants.
- 6. This Restriction Order prohibits the disclosure or publication of WM-A5's name or any information which is capable of leading to her name being published in the context of her application for CP status and my determination. 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 2018 Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse 3 October