

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

**Westminster investigation hearing**

**Background**

1. The Public Hearing in the Westminster investigation began on 4 March 2019 and will conclude on 29 March 2019.
2. During the course of the hearing documents will be brought up on screens at the hearing centre and documents adduced in evidence will be published on the Inquiry's website. At the conclusion of the hearing, additional documents may also be published on the Inquiry's website. In addition, witnesses and counsel will refer to matters within these documents whilst witnesses are giving evidence.
3. 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 3) ("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. Other names have been redacted rather than ciphered in accordance with the Redaction Protocol.
4. Some names are ciphered because they are the names of core participants whose identity is protected by the complainant core participant Restriction Order dated 23 March 2018. 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.
5. Notwithstanding the redactions and ciphers applied to the documents, it is recognised that individuals who have considerable knowledge of the material and allegations may believe that they can identify ciphered individuals due to their

knowledge of the particular events being referred to. Witnesses may also inadvertently refer to the real name of ciphred individuals in the course of their oral evidence. In order to protect the identities of the individuals whose identities are ciphred or redacted but who do not currently have the protection afforded to them by the complainant core participant Restriction Order, it is necessary to put in place this additional Restriction Order to prohibit anyone who thinks they may be able to identify the person concerned from disclosing, publishing or making public the name concerned and to prohibit anyone from disclosing, publishing or making public the name of anyone whose identity is redacted or ciphred but has been inadvertently mentioned in oral evidence during the course of the hearing.

### **Restriction Order**

6. 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.
7. This Restriction Order prohibits the disclosure and/or publication of the name of any individual whose identity has been redacted and/or ciphred by the Inquiry in connection with its Westminster investigation and referred to during the course of evidence adduced during the Inquiry’s proceedings. This includes, but is not limited to, the identities of individuals ciphred or redacted within the documentation or referred to in the transcripts published in the following ways:
  - a. On the ‘hearings’ and ‘documents’ pages of the Westminster 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.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Any person affected by this Order may apply in accordance with section 20 of the Inquiries Act 2005 to vary its terms.
11. 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**

**5 March**

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**Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse**