

# RESTRICTION ORDER No. 7: ANONYMITY OF WITNESS 7



The Chair of the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry, in exercise of the powers contained in section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”) and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, makes the following Restriction Order.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

## 1. General

- 1.1 This Order is made on 19 August 2024 and comes into force on that date. It remains in force indefinitely, unless the Chair of the Inquiry orders otherwise.
- 1.2 The Chair may vary or revoke this Order by making a further order at any point during the course of the Inquiry.
- 1.3 Any person aware of any breach of this Order must notify the Solicitor to the Inquiry in writing immediately upon becoming aware of the breach.

## 2. Interpretation

- 2.1 For the purposes of this Order:
  - 2.1.1 “Core Participant” means an individual or organisation who is designated a Core Participant by the Chair to the Inquiry.
  - 2.1.2 “Inquiry” means the public inquiry established by the Scottish Ministers under the Inquiries Act 2005 to consider the planning, design, construction, commissioning and, where appropriate, maintenance of both the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Campus (QEUH), Glasgow and the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and Department of Clinical Neurosciences (RHCYP/DCN), Edinburgh with Lord Brodie PC QC as chair, commonly referred to as the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry. References to the “Chair” should be construed accordingly.
  - 2.1.3 “Recognised Legal Representative” has the meaning given by Rule 5(1) of the Inquiries (Scotland) Rules 2007.
  - 2.1.4 “Witness Statement” means the witness statement and any documents referred to in the witness statement, provided by the Witness to the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry.
  - 2.1.5 “Witness” means Witness 7.

### **3. Order**

- 3.1 This Order applies to any information capable of leading to identification of the Witness contained in
- 3.1.1 the Witness Statement or any other evidence given in the course of the Inquiry's proceedings, whether by the Witness or otherwise, including oral evidence given to the Inquiry or evidence which will be published on the Inquiry's website; and
  - 3.1.2 any other information or material which will be published on the Inquiry's website or will otherwise be supplied to anyone by the Inquiry.
- 3.2 Reference to information which is capable of leading to the identification of the identity of a person includes, but is not limited to, the witness's name, the witness's address, the names of any children of the witness, any still or moving image of the witness and any information that may tend to identify the witness and the witness's family members, which may for the avoidance of doubt, include deceased family members.
- 3.3 There shall be no reporting or publication whatsoever of any information capable of leading to the identification of the Witness. Particular provisions relevant to this restriction include, but are not limited to, the following:
- 3.3.1 There shall be no reporting or publication of any information provided in the course of any oral witness evidence during the Inquiry's hearings which is capable of leading to the identification of the identity of the Witness.
  - 3.3.2 Materials adduced in evidence during the Inquiry's oral hearings which are capable of identifying the Witness shall be redacted to remove any such identifying information before they are published on the Inquiry's website.
  - 3.3.3 No reference will be made to the identity of the Witness or to any information capable of leading to the identification of the Witness by any person in any subsequent hearing of the Inquiry that is being live streamed.

#### **4. Disclosure of Witness Statements**

- 4.1 The Witness Statement or any other statements, documents or evidence provided to the Inquiry, which are capable of identifying the Witness shall be redacted to remove any such identifying information before they are published on the Inquiry's website, or disclosed to Core Participants.
- 4.2 Nothing in this Order prevents:-
- 4.2.1 the contents of the Witness Statement being referred to by the person who gave, produced or provided the Witness Statement and related evidence or documents to the Inquiry; and
  - 4.2.2 the contents of the Witness Statement being referred to by any member of staff of the Inquiry (which expression includes counsel to or instructed by the Inquiry) where the disclosure or publication is to another member or members of the staff of the Inquiry, or to an expert to the Inquiry, or to any person carrying out processing of information on behalf of the Inquiry whilst and only whilst doing so, and is for the purposes of the Inquiry.

#### **5. PENAL NOTICE**

- 5.1 In the event of any breach of this Order, the Chair may certify the matter to the appropriate court under section 36(1) of the Act for the court to make such order by way of enforcement or otherwise as it sees fit.

Lord P Brodie KC PC  
Chair, Scottish Hospitals Inquiry  
19 August 2024