

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

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General Restriction Order (No.4)

The Chair has power under section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005 to make a restriction order, which restricts disclosure or publication of any evidence or documents given, produced or provided to the Inquiry.

The Chair has considered the sensitive and/or personal nature of the evidence being provided to the Inquiry (and likely to be provided in the future) by any person who was in care as a child:

- (i) whose evidence is (or will be) within the Inquiry's Terms of Reference; and
- (ii) is not already covered by the provisions of General Restriction Order (no. 1), General Restriction Order (no. 2), or General Restriction Order (no. 3).

The Chair has had regard to their interests and to the risk of harm being occasioned to them. The Chair has concluded that it is conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its Terms of Reference to issue a restriction order and makes this order. This order applies to those persons.

1. Evidence or documents given, produced or provided to the Inquiry which identify any such person (including names and any other identifying details) must not be disclosed and/or published without the consent of the person concerned.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, members of the Inquiry team may disclose such identities to any persons or organisations named in their witness statement and to the legal representatives of any person or organisation so named, strictly on a confidential basis, and only for the purpose of protecting or furthering any legitimate interest they may have in the work of the Inquiry.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, members of the Inquiry team may disclose such identities to any persons or organisations who they believe hold information relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, in order to recover information to assist the Inquiry with its investigations. This may be done only on a strictly confidential basis and only for the purpose of progressing the work of the Inquiry.
4. The restrictions in paragraph 1 do not apply to disclosures made by members of the Inquiry team to Police Scotland of the identities of any persons to enable assessment by Police Scotland of current risk of harm to any person or risk to any person's life. The restrictions in paragraph 1 do not apply to disclosures made by members of the Inquiry team to Police Scotland of information that has been

provided to them indicating that a person to whom this order applies has been subjected to harassment or intimidation.

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