

# Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

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## General restriction order No. 2

The Chair, having considered the sensitive and/or personal nature of the evidence being provided to the Inquiry by family members of those who are or could be applicants and of persons now deceased who were or could have been applicants, and likely to be provided by them in the future, and having had regard to the risk of harm being occasioned to those family members; and having concluded that it will be conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its Terms of Reference to issue a restriction order under, and in terms of, section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005, makes a restriction order as follows:

(i) Evidence or documents given, produced or provided to the Inquiry which identify any such family member must not be disclosed or published without the consent of the family members concerned.

(ii) Notwithstanding (i), members of the Inquiry team may disclose the identity of any such family member to any persons or organisations named by them in a witness statement as having been involved in any abuse alleged and to the legal representatives of any person or organisation so named, strictly on a confidential basis and only for the purpose of protecting any legitimate interest they may have in the work of the Inquiry.

In this order:

“applicant” means any person who tells the Inquiry, whether in a written statement or otherwise, that they were abused in circumstances which fall within the Inquiry’s Terms of Reference;

“abuse” means abuse as defined in the Inquiry’s Terms of Reference; and

“family member” includes any person who an applicant or person now deceased regarded as a member of their family.