



## **MUCKAMORE ABBEY HOSPITAL INQUIRY**

### **RESTRICTION ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005**

#### **Restriction Order No.89 (Claire Cairns)**

#### **Exhibit to Witness Statement in respect of Organisational Module 9: Trust Board**

I have power under section 19(1)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 to make orders restricting disclosure or publication of evidence or documents given, produced or provided to an Inquiry.

I have been asked by the Police Service of Northern Ireland to make a restriction order under section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005 in relation to pages 150 - 151 of the statement of Claire Cairns, with reference to the Memorandum of Understanding with PPS and PSNI.

There are already general restriction orders in relation to the naming of patients and members of staff, but I am asked to make this order to add a further level of protection. The purpose of this order is (i) to protect against any adverse impact on the criminal justice process in relation to the evidence of Claire Cairns, and (ii) to preserve the integrity of and ensure consistency with other restriction orders made during this Inquiry.

Therefore, having considered that application and in exercise of that power, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. In relation to the statement of Claire Cairns there may be no reporting of any sort whatever of pages 150 starting after the words in the first line of page 150 "with a number of practice issues" and ending after the first three lines of page 151 until this restriction order is lifted.
2. To make that clear to Core Participants (CPs) that means that there is to be no communication in any form whatever to disclose to any third party the restricted part of the evidence of Claire Cairns whether by verbal, social media or any other form of communication.
3. This Order remains in force for the duration of the Inquiry and at all times thereafter, unless otherwise ordered.
4. I may vary or revoke this Order by making a further Order during the course of the Inquiry.

Any threat to break this Order, or any breach of it, can be certified to the High Court under section 36 of the Inquiries Act, which will deal with it as though the breach had occurred in proceedings before that Court.

Made by the Chair on 10 October 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Kark', with a horizontal line underneath.

Tom Kark KC Chair