

MUCKAMORE ABBEY HOSPITAL INQUIRY

PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

Restriction Order No. 95 (Redaction in “MAH Executive Summary” Report)

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.

This order relates to the redaction of text in the report “Muckamore Abbey Hospital Mental Health, Intellectual Disability and Psychological Services Directorate Investigation Executive Summary”. This document was referenced in the evidence of H223 on 09 September 2024.

The Executive Summary is a document arising from an investigation that related to a number of whistleblowing complaints. It was informed by information from BHSC staff and whistleblowers, in circumstances in which those providing information were reasonably entitled to expect confidentiality. Disclosure of the information in the text specified at paragraph 1 below may potentially risk compromising the whistleblowing processes. I am satisfied that it is in the public interest to protect internal whistleblowing processes.

I am satisfied that redaction of the text specified in paragraph 1 below is conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its Terms of Reference and is necessary in the public interest.

In exercise of that power, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The following text be redacted at Appendix 1 Terms of Reference:

The names of individuals which appear at the three bullet points at paragraph 1 on internal page 7.

2. The need for redaction of the specified text will be kept under review.
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 20 November 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Kark'.

Tom Kark KC
Chair