

# **THE UROLOGY SERVICES INQUIRY**

## **RESTRICTION ORDER**

made pursuant to section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005

### **WARNING**

If you contravene this Restriction Order, or threaten so to do, the Chair of the Urology Services Inquiry, by virtue of Section 36 of the Inquiries Act 2005, may certify the matter to the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland. The High Court may hold you in Contempt of Court, and may imprison you, fine you or seize any assets you may hold.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ORDER:**

- a. This Order is made by the Chair of the Urology Services Inquiry pursuant to section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005 ('the Act').
- b. This Order is made because the Chair considers it to be conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its Terms of Reference and considers that it is in any event necessary in the public interest.
- c. This Order binds all persons (whether acting by themselves or by their servants and/or agents or in any other way) and all companies or organisations (whether acting by their directors or officers, servants and/or agents or in any other way).
- d. Patients and their families will be granted anonymity and designated a cipher.
- e. The personal information relating to patients and their families and any other individuals benefiting from the grant of anonymity — such as addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, dates of birth, health and care numbers and national insurance numbers - will be redacted in documents published by the Inquiry and designated a cipher as appropriate, save to the extent that the Chair of the Inquiry considers the personal information of sufficient evidential value to justify publication by the Inquiry.
- f. Material which the Inquiry considers irrelevant, but which is contained within documents which otherwise contain relevant material, will be redacted in those documents when they are published by the Inquiry during and after its public hearings.

## **THE ORDER**

### **IT IS ORDERED, UNTIL FURTHER ORDER, THAT:**

1. Patients and their families be granted anonymity and designated a cipher.
2. The personal information relating to patients and their families and any other individuals benefiting from the grant of anonymity — such as addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, dates of birth, health and care numbers and national insurance numbers - will be redacted in documents published by the Inquiry and designated a cipher as appropriate, save to the extent that the Chair of the Inquiry considers the personal information of sufficient evidential value to justify publication by the Inquiry.
3. Material which the Inquiry considers irrelevant, but which is contained within documents which otherwise contain relevant material, will be redacted in those documents when they are published by the Inquiry during and after its public hearings.
4. No communication, report or disclosure, in connection with, arising out of or related to Inquiry proceedings, may reveal information redacted from material published by the Inquiry.

### **VARIATION OR REVOCATION**

5. Anyone affected by this Order may apply to the Chair of the Inquiry to vary or revoke it.

Dated this 20 day of October 2021

Signed:



**Christine Smith QC**

Chair of the Urology Services Inquiry