

THE LAMPARD INQUIRY

RESTRICTION ORDER

PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

Restriction Order No.20 (Exhibit “DC30”)

The Chair has the power under Section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”) to make orders restricting disclosure or publication of evidence or documents given, produced or provided to the Lampard Inquiry. The Chair exercises this power in accordance with the Inquiry’s Protocol on Restriction Orders, Redaction, Anonymity and Special Measures, which can be found on the Inquiry website.

This Order is made in accordance with the approach set out in the Chair’s Statement of Approach on Redaction, Data Protection and Privacy and is made of the Chair’s own volition.

Any breach, or threat to breach, such an order can be certified under Section 36 of the Act to the High Court, which may deal with it as though the breach occurred in proceedings before it and may be punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

Background

A Restriction Order application has been received from INQUEST, which is a Core Participant to the Inquiry. The application seeks to restrict the disclosure/publication of a document (“DC30”) that is exhibited to the Second Witness Statement of Deborah Coles, Executive Director of INQUEST, which is yet to be disclosed to Core Participants or published. The application is advanced on the basis that the restriction sought is necessary to prevent potential breaches of confidence and to reduce the risk of harm to certain family members of deceased individuals. In considering this application, the Chair has had regard for the factors set out in Section 19(4) of the Act. Having done so, she has concluded as follows:

1. There is nothing to suggest that imposing the restrictions sought would in any way inhibit the allaying of public concern.

2. There is a risk of psychological harm to the family members of deceased individuals that could be avoided or reduced by the restriction.
3. Disclosure and/or publication of DC30 may constitute a breach of confidentiality, under which certain individuals engaged with INQUEST in relation to their deceased family member

The Chair is therefore satisfied that granting the restriction is necessary in the public interest.

Order

Pursuant to Section 19(3)(b) of the Act, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. There shall be no disclosure or publication by the Inquiry of the exhibit to the Second Witness Statement of Deborah Coles labelled "DC30".
2. This Order remains in force for the duration of the Inquiry and at all times thereafter, unless otherwise ordered.
3. The Chair may vary or revoke this Order at any time by issuing a further order during the course of the Inquiry.

Dated 16 July 2025



Baroness Kate Lampard CBE
Chair to the Lampard Inquiry