



## **RESTRICTION ORDER**

### **RESTRICTION ON THE PUBLICATION OF MATERIAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005**

This Restriction Order is made pursuant to section 19(2)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”), read with section 19(3) of the Act.

In accordance with the Inquiry’s Redaction Procol, the Inquiry agrees to remove certain categories of information from materials disclosed to Core Participants. This includes, but is not limited to, personal data and the names and contact details of individual junior officials or staff members where it is considered that by virtue of their junior position, the official or staff member has a reasonable expectation of privacy and it is accepted by the Inquiry that their identity is not relevant to the evidence to be considered (“Irrelevant and Sensitive material”).

#### **IT IS ORDERED THAT**

1. Where any inadvertent publication of Irrelevant and Sensitive material occurs during the course of the Inquiry’s Module 2B hearings, the public transcript of the Inquiry’s hearing and where necessary the video recording of the Inquiry’s hearing, shall be edited as necessary to redact this information. A record of the edits made to the recording and/or transcript shall be retained by the Inquiry as Annex A to this Restriction Order. The disclosure or publication of the redacted information is expressly prohibited by this Order.
2. This Order remains in force for the duration of the Inquiry and at all times thereafter, unless varied in accordance with the provisions of section 20(3) or (4) of the Act.
3. Any person affected by this Order may apply in accordance with section 20 of the Inquiries Act 2005 to vary its terms.
4. Any threat to break such an order, or any breach of it, may be certified to the High Court or Court of Session under section 36 of the Act.

#### **PENAL NOTICE**

The High Court and the Court of Session have the power to imprison or fine for any breach of this Order.

**The Right Honourable Baroness Hallett**  
**Chair of the Covid-19 UK Inquiry**

**1 March 2024**

**Annex A**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transcript or INQ reference</b>	<b>Reason for redaction or edit</b>
1 March 2024 (Day 4)	INQ000374405	Personal data
4 March 2024 (Day 5)	7/28/18	Junior Official
12 March 2024 (Day 10)	INQ000331038_0001	Personal data