

Witness Name: Lady Coffey DBE PC

Statement No.: 2

Exhibits: TC2/1

Dated: 3 December 2025

UK COVID-19 INQUIRY

SUPPLEMENTARY WITNESS STATEMENT OF LADY COFFEY DBE PC

I, Lady Coffey, will say as follows: -

1. I make this supplementary statement to correct three minor errors in my original witness statement of 24 October 2025 [TC2/1 – INQ000588238]

2. At paragraph 15 of my original witness statement, in the penultimate line, there is a typographical error; “where” should be “were”. The end of that paragraph should read:

15. *I often called DWP the “Department of Wonderful People” and that was what our civil servants **were** during that whole period.*

3. At paragraph 305 of my original witness statement, I refer to informing my officials in March 2020 that I was keen to open up Kickstart to young people on other programmes. In fact I did this in March 2021. The opening of that paragraph should read as follows:

305. *For the inquiry though, there is one remaining point about value for money and “double” payments. In **March 2021** I informed my officials that was keen to open up Kickstart to young people on other programmes (for example Work and Health Programme, Job Entry Targeted Support (“Jets”) and the Youth Offer) [TC/164a — INQ000658355].*

4. At paragraph 360 of my original witness statement, I refer to 230,000 starts on the JETS programme. This is a typo; the actual figure is 320,000. That paragraph should start as follows:

360. *The JETS programme worked very well. England and Wales saw a total of 460,000 individuals referred to JETS and **320,000** starts on the programme.*

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief of its truth.

Signed:

Personal Data

Dated: 03/12/2025