



Sir Adrian Fulford
Chair of the Southport Inquiry

23 September 2025

Dear Sir Adrian,

REQUEST FOR AN UNDERTAKING - SOUTHPORT INQUIRY

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2025 and enclosures.

I note that the Inquiry has recently identified a witness in Northern Ireland which has resulted in your request for an Undertaking.

I have now considered your request and confirm that the undertaking in the terms set out below shall apply to any person who gives evidence to the Inquiry.

1. No evidence a person may give before the Inquiry will be used in evidence against that person in any criminal proceedings or for the purpose of deciding whether to bring such proceedings save as provided in paragraph 2 herein. "Evidence" includes oral evidence, any written statement made by that person preparatory to giving evidence to the Southport Inquiry or during the course of his or her testimony to the Southport Inquiry, or any document or information produced to the Southport Inquiry solely by that person.

2. Paragraph 1 does not apply to:

- i. A prosecution where he or she is charged with having given false evidence in the course of this Inquiry or having conspired with or procured others to do so,



- ii. Proceedings where he or she is charged with any offence under section 35 of the Inquiries Act 2005 or having conspired with or procured others to commit such an offence.

3. Where any such evidence is provided to the Inquiry by a person, it is further undertaken that, as against that person, no criminal proceedings shall be brought (or continued) in reliance on evidence which is itself the product of an investigation commenced as a result of the provision by that person of that evidence.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Herron

STEPHEN HERRON
Director of Public Prosecutions