

Southport Inquiry

Witness Name: Lakshmi Prabha Ramasubramanian

Exhibits: N/A

Date: 4th November 2025

THE SOUTHPORT INQUIRY

SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF LAKSHMI PRABHA RAMASUBRAMANIAN

I, Lakshmi Prabha Ramasubramanian, will say as follows: -

Introduction

1. I am an experienced Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. I have worked in Psychiatry for over 20 years and have been a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in the NHS for 14 years. I work as a Consultant Child Psychiatrist and Paediatric Neuropsychiatrist at Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust since 2011. I work in Sefton Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and am based at Burlington House, Crosby Road North, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 0PJ. I graduated from Madurai Medical College in 1998 and completed higher specialist training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in Merseyside before taking up the current post in 2011.

Additional Information

2. Immediately following the conclusion of my evidence to the Inquiry on Monday 20th October 2025 I thought of a further issue which may assist the Inquiry and mentioned this to Ms Harriet Wakeman, Counsel to the Inquiry. She requested that I provide a further short statement addressing the issue.

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3. The issue I would like to raise for the Inquiry to consider relates to where I feel there is a gap currently in services. Historically the Criminal Justice Liaison and Court Diversion Team in Sefton provided Sefton CAMHS with access to a locally employed (by Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust) Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and a Consultant Psychologist who were trained in assessing risk to others and in using SAVRY. Unfortunately, this arrangement was decommissioned. As we are seeing an increase in the number of referrals to CAMHS for young people with criminality and risk of harm to others, it would be very useful to commission such an accessible and locally delivered service in the future.
4. At the conclusion of my evidence to the Inquiry, the Chair asked what Alder Hey psychiatrists would have done if the Alder Hey practitioner with overall responsibility for AR had possessed a full knowledge of:
 - i. AR's history of criminality and inappropriate interest in extreme violence
 - ii. AR's history of purchasing lethal weapons, having demonstrated an intention to act out a desire to severely harm others, at the very least.
 - iii. In the context of a diagnosis of conduct disorder.
5. Having digested and reflected on the question: I would of course have immediately contacted the Police and Social Care and I would have actioned a referral to FCAMHS and Prevent.

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 in its truth.

Signed:

Signature

Dated: 4/11/2025