

SOUTHPORT INQUIRY

RESTRICTION ORDER

ANONYMITY AND RELATED PROTECTIONS FOR CASE STUDIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

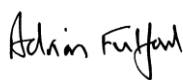
This Restriction Order is made pursuant to section 19(2)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”), read with section 19(3) of the Act.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Two individuals who are subjects of the Inquiry’s Case Studies shall be granted anonymity. They will be ciphered using their respective case study ciphers in any documentary disclosure and in the Inquiry’s hearings (“Case Study A” and “Case Study B”).
2. The family members of these individuals shall be identified as A’s father, B’s mother *etc.*
3. This Order prohibits the publication or broadcasting in any newspaper, magazine, public computer work, internet website, social media application, sound or television broadcast or cable or satellite programme service or any media broadcast of:
 - a. The names of the subjects of Case Studies A and B;
 - b. Their dates of birth;
 - c. Any photographic or other image of them;
 - d. Their addresses or the area where they live;
 - e. Their schools, educational establishment or workplaces;
 - f. The names of their treating clinicians;
 - g. Any other particular likely or calculated to lead to their identification;if the matter being published or broadcast is likely or calculated to connect them to the Southport Inquiry (including but not limited to the Southport Inquiry’s Phase 2 case studies).
4. Where there is any inadvertent mention during the Inquiry hearings of any of the matters protected by the above orders (for example, the name of Case Study A or B), then:

- a. The public transcript of the Inquiry's hearing and, where applicable, the video recording of the Inquiry's hearing shall be edited as necessary to redact this information;
 - b. A record of the edits made to the recording and/or transcript shall be retained by the Inquiry as an annex to this Restriction Order;
 - c. Notwithstanding the inadvertent mention of such information in the hearing, the orders above shall remain in force and the disclosure or publication of that redacted information remains expressly prohibited by this Order.
5. The Inquiry will redact from disclosure to Core Participants as well as the public any information that may tend to identify the subjects of Case Study A or Case Study B or (as necessary) gist information contained in documents so as to avoid identifying the subjects of Case Study A or Case Study B.
6. 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 Inquiries Act 2005.
7. Any person affected by this Order may apply under section 20 of the Inquiries Act 2005 to vary its terms.
8. Any threat to break such an order, or any breach of it, may be certified to the High Court or under section 36 of the Act.
9. This order does not limit, amend or affect any existing orders that may already have been made by any Court in relation to the identities of Case Study A or Case Study B, or restrictions that may already apply by reason of statutory provisions other than the Inquiries Act 2005.

PENAL NOTICE The High Court has the power to imprison or fine for any breach of this Order.



Chair, The Southport Public Inquiry

3 July 2026