

THE THIRLWALL INQUIRY

WITNESSES' SPECIAL MEASURES APPLICATIONS RESTRICTION ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 17 - 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

This Restriction Order is made pursuant to sections 17, 18 and 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005 ("the Act").

UPON the Inquiry receiving applications for Special Measures from witnesses who are being called to give oral evidence in Parts B and C of the Inquiry;

AND UPON consulting with Core Participants and accredited media organisations as to the extent to which those Special Measures would be opposed;

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Cipher List

1. An updated list of the ciphers used ("the Cipher List") will be circulated by the Solicitor to the Inquiry to all Core Participants and media organisations who have so far participated in the Inquiry. There shall be no publication to the public-at-large or any section of the public of the Cipher List in whole or in part, and the information contained within it shall be used solely for the purposes of these proceedings, and the fair and accurate reporting of these proceedings.

Special Measures granted

2. Upon the application of Dr U, he shall be granted the following Special Measures:
 - a. He will be screened from members of the public present in the hearing room, but will be visible to the Chair, Counsel to the Inquiry, Core Participants and accredited media.
 - b. He may be accompanied by a legal advisor.
 - c. Regular breaks shall be taken during the course of his oral evidence.
3. Upon the application of Ashleigh Hudson, she shall be granted the following Special Measures:
 - a. She will be screened from members of the public present in the hearing room, but will be visible to the Chair, Counsel to the Inquiry, Core Participants and accredited media.
 - b. There shall be no broadcast of her evidence, and no still or moving image (whether from the live-feed or otherwise) of her giving oral evidence shall be published.

4. Upon the application of Nurse W, she shall be granted the following Special Measures:
 - a. She will be screened from members of the public, Core Participants and accredited media, all of whom (subject to there being sufficient space) must only sit in the public gallery in the hearing room.
 - b. She will be visible only to the Chair, members of the Inquiry Legal Team, Inquiry staff (including the evidence operator and stenographer), the legal team for Nurse W and any advocate, supported by a solicitor, who has permission to ask questions pursuant to Rule 10 of the Inquiries Rules 2006.
 - c. There shall be no broadcast (video or audio) of her evidence.
 - d. No still or moving image (whether from the live-feed or otherwise) of her giving oral evidence shall be published.
 - e. Core Participants and the accredited media will be able to listen in real-time to an audio-only feed of her evidence via the live-feed webinar.
 - f. Regular breaks shall be taken during the course of her oral evidence.
5. Upon the application of Nurse ZC, she shall be granted the following Special Measures:
 - a. She will be screened from members of the public present in the hearing room, but will be visible to the Chair, Counsel to the Inquiry, Core Participants and accredited media.
 - b. There shall be no broadcast of her evidence, and no still or moving image (whether from the live-feed or otherwise) of her giving oral evidence shall be published.
 - c. This witness shall be anonymised, and in all documents available to the public-at-large or any section of the public the cipher "Nurse ZC" shall be substituted for her name. There shall be no publication of her name or any matter likely to reveal her identity.
6. Upon the application of Yvonne Griffiths, she shall be granted the following Special Measures:
 - a. She will be screened from members of the public present in the hearing room, but will be visible to the Chair, Counsel to the Inquiry, Core Participants and accredited media.
 - b. There shall be no broadcast of her evidence, and no still or moving image (whether from the live-feed or otherwise) of her giving oral evidence shall be published.
7. Upon the application of Melanie Taylor, she shall be granted the following Special Measures:
 - a. She will be screened from members of the public present in the hearing room, but will be visible to the Chair, Counsel to the Inquiry, Core Participants and accredited media.
 - b. There shall be no broadcast of her evidence, and no still or moving image (whether from the live-feed or otherwise) of her giving oral evidence shall be published.

8. Upon the application of Kathryn Percival-Calderbank, she shall be granted the following Special Measures:
 - a. She will be screened from members of the public present in the hearing room, but will be visible to the Chair, Counsel to the Inquiry, Core Participants and accredited media.
 - b. There shall be no broadcast of her evidence, and no still or moving image (whether from the live-feed or otherwise) of her giving oral evidence shall be published.
9. Upon the application of Debbie Peacock, she shall be granted the following Special Measures:
 - a. Regular breaks shall be taken during the course of her oral evidence.
 - b. She may be accompanied by a person of her choice to support her in the witness box during her evidence.
10. Upon the application of Ruth Millward, she shall be granted the following Special Measures:
 - a. Regular breaks shall be taken during the course of her oral evidence.
 - b. She may be accompanied by a person of her choice to support her in the witness box during her evidence.
 - c. She will be screened from members of the public present in the hearing room, but will be visible to the Chair, Counsel to the Inquiry, Core Participants and accredited media.
 - d. There shall be no broadcast of her evidence, and no still or moving image (whether from the live-feed or otherwise) of her giving oral evidence shall be published.
11. Upon the application of Hayley Griffiths, she shall be granted the following Special Measures:
 - a. She will be screened from members of the public present in the hearing room, but will be visible to the Chair, Counsel to the Inquiry, Core Participants and accredited media.
 - b. There shall be no broadcast of her evidence, and no still or moving image (whether from the live-feed or otherwise) of her giving oral evidence shall be published.
12. Save as expressly granted or reserved above, the applications are refused without prejudice to their being renewed.
13. The applicants' evidence in support of their applications for Special Measures shall not be disclosed outside of the Inquiry, and shall not be made available to any third parties or the public. It shall not be published on the Inquiry website.

Penal Notice

Any breach of this Order, failure to comply with it or threat to do so, can be certified to the High Court or the Court of Session under section 36 of the Act. A Court will deal with any breach, failure to comply, or threat of failure to comply as though it had occurred in proceedings before that Court.

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

Rt Hon Lady Justice Thirlwall DBE
Inquiry Chair

1 August 2024

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