

RESTRICTION ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005 FOR THE OPEN PRELIMINARY HEARING ON 19 AND 20 MARCH 2026

The Chairman has the power under section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”) to make orders restricting attendance at a hearing and on the disclosure or publication of evidence and documents given, produced or provided to the Inquiry.

Any threat to break such an order, or any breach of it, can be certified to the High Court or Court of Session under section 36 of the Act, which will deal with it as though the breach had occurred in proceedings before that court, and may be punishable by a fine or committal to prison.

In exercise of the power, **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. There will be a broadcast to the Station Centre in Omagh of the Inquiry’s preliminary hearing to be held on 19 March 2026. This broadcast will not be the subject of any delay.
2. There will be a time delay of 10 minutes to the YouTube broadcast of the preliminary hearing on 19 and 20 March 2026 (“the Hearing”).
3. Unless express permission is given by the Inquiry Chairman, or the Solicitor to the Inquiry acting on his behalf, the matters discussed during the Hearing must not be published in any form, unless and until the time-delayed YouTube feed is broadcast or, a transcript is published on the Inquiry’s website.
4. Any information that is removed from the time-delayed YouTube broadcast and/or redacted in the transcript published on the Inquiry’s website must not be repeated, disclosed or duplicated to any third party.
5. This Order remains in force for the duration of the Inquiry and at all times thereafter, unless otherwise ordered.

6. The Chairman of the Inquiry may vary or revoke this Order by making a further order during the course of the Inquiry.

PENAL NOTICE

7. The High Court and the Court of Session have the power to imprison or fine for any breach of this Order.
8. Any breach of this Order by any means whatsoever shall be notified in writing to the Solicitor of the Inquiry immediately upon identification of the breach.

Rt. Hon. Lord Turnbull

Inquiry Chairman

6 March 2026

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