

INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF DAWN STURGESS

RESTRICTION NOTICE UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

Introduction

1. This Restriction Notice is made under section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005 ("the Act").
2. For the purposes of this Restriction Notice:
 - a) "the Inquiry" is the "Inquiry into the Death of Dawn Sturgess";
 - b) "the Chair" is the person appointed by the Minister to chair the Inquiry under section 4 of the Act, namely Lord Hughes;
 - c) "the Minister" is the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and such other Government officials as are nominated by the Minister;
 - d) "the Annex" is the annex attached to this Notice;
 - e) "Core Inquiry Team" is defined in the Annex to this Notice;
 - f) "Nominated HMG Advisers" are defined in the Annex to this Notice;
 - g) "the Schedule" is the Schedule attached to this Notice;
 - h) "the Schedule Material" is:
 - (i) the Schedule to this Notice; and/or
 - (ii) any information contained within any of the documents identified in the Schedule to this Notice; and/or
 - (iii) any evidence or document the content of which replicates, summarises or in any other way reproduces any information contained in the documents listed in the Schedule or the Schedule itself;
 - i) "open rulings, judgments or reports" are rulings, judgments or reports produced by the Chair in the course, or at the conclusion, of the Inquiry which may be released to the public without risking harm to the public interest;
 - j) "closed rulings, judgments or reports" are rulings, judgments or reports produced by the Chair in the course, or at the conclusion, of the Inquiry, which may not be released to the public due to the risk of harm to the public interest;
 - k) "open hearings" are oral hearings during the Inquiry which may be held in public without risking harm to the public interest;
 - l) "closed hearings" are oral hearings during the Inquiry which may not be held in public without risking harm to the public interest;
 - m) "ILT" is a reference to the DV and STRAP cleared members of the Inquiry Legal Team
3. This Restriction Notice imposes no restriction on the disclosure of any document or information:

- a) between members of the Core Inquiry Team for purposes connected with the Inquiry; or
- b) to the Minister or Nominated HMG Advisers; or
- c) to current HMG staff or staff of any law enforcement agency or state body to whom disclosure of the Schedule Material is required for purposes connected to the Inquiry or required during the course of their employment, and who apply the standard handling arrangements in force over such material.

Restrictions on the Disclosure or Publication of Evidence or Documents given, produced or provided to the Inquiry

- 4. The restrictions referred to in this Notice and its Annex are imposed because the Minister, acting in accordance with section 19(3)(b) of the Act and having had regard, in particular, to the matters set out in s19(4) of the Act, considers it to be conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its terms of reference and/or necessary in the public interest that such restrictions should be imposed.
- 5. Other than as permitted by this Notice and its Annex, no person, whether a member of the Core Inquiry Team or otherwise, may disclose or publish to any other person, or contribute to such disclosure or publication of, the Annex, the Schedule Material and/or any part of the Annex or Schedule Material.
- 6. Save with the written agreement of the Minister, no reference shall be made by the Chair to the content of the Annex or Schedule Material in any open or closed ruling, judgment or report arising out of the Inquiry.
- 7. Save as provided for within the Handling Restrictions set out in the Annex to this Notice or with the written agreement of the Minister, no reference shall be made by the Core Inquiry Team (or any other person) to the content of the Annex or Schedule Material in any written material or in any Inquiry open or closed hearings.

Amendments to this Restriction Notice

- 8. By letter to the Chair under this paragraph the Minister may remove from the scope of this Notice any document or information referred to in the Schedule.
- 9. The Chair may invite the Minister to amend this Restriction Notice at any time upon providing the Minister with a draft of the proposed amendment and written reasons for it.

10. The Minister may amend this Restriction Notice, including through the addition of further material to the Schedule, at any time.

Signed:  _____

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Dated: 20/3/25

PENAL NOTICE

IF ANY PERSON DISOBEYS THIS ORDER, THE MATTER MAY BE CERTIFIED TO THE HIGH COURT WHICH MAY HOLD THAT PERSON TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF THE INQUIRY AND THAT PERSON MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED

ANY PERSON WHO KNOWS OF THIS ORDER AND DOES ANYTHING WHICH HELPS OR PERMITS ANY PERSON TO BREACH THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER MAY ALSO AFTER CERTIFICATION TO THE HIGH COURT BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF THE INQUIRY AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED