

**THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995**

**RESTRICTION ORDER**

**Pursuant to section 8 of the Inquiry into Historical  
Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013**

**WARNING**

If, without reasonable excuse, you contravene this Restriction Order you will be committing an offence contrary to Section 16 of the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 and may be liable on conviction to a fine, or to a term of imprisonment, or to both.

Further, if you contravene this Restriction Order, or threaten so to do, the Chairman of the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse 1922 to 1995, by virtue of Section 17 of the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, may certify the matter to the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland. The High Court may hold you in Contempt of Court, and may imprison you, fine you or seize any assets you may hold.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ORDER:**

- a. This Order is being made by the Chairman of the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (the Inquiry) pursuant to Section 8 of the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (the Act).
- b. This Order is being made because the Chairman considers it conducive to the Inquiry fulfilling its Terms of Reference and is in any event necessary in the public interest.
- c. This Order binds all persons (whether acting by themselves or by their servants and/or agents or in any other way) and all companies (whether acting by their directors or officers, servants and/or agents or in any other way).
- d. For the purposes of this Order "The Inquiry Record" means all documents and other material of whatsoever kind (including electronic mail and documents stored electronically) transferred to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) by the Chairman of the Inquiry in accordance with Rule 20 of the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse Rules (Northern Ireland) 2013

## **THE ORDER**

It is ordered until Further Order:

1. The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) will not permit access to any part of the Inquiry Record for 100 years from the date of this Order except as specified in this Order or any order made by the Executive Office or its successors.
2. PRONI may permit access to the following parts of the Inquiry Record after the expiry of the standard period prescribed for public access to Government Papers:

- (a) Chairman's correspondence;
- (b) Correspondence of the Secretary to the Inquiry;

