

**RESTRICTION ORDER:
IDENTIFICATION OF GMP OFFICER F2**

**RESTRICTION ORDER 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.

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, and the Court will deal with it as though the breach had occurred in proceedings before that Court.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order applies to the evidence to be given to the Inquiry on 27 September 2021 by a GMP officer to be known as "F2".
2. The identity of F2, which is known to me, the Inquiry Legal Team (to be broadly construed) and Core Participants to the Inquiry will not be revealed and they will be known during the proceedings as F2.
3. This Order directs that only the audio of the evidence of F2 will be broadcast on the Bluejeans video platform used by the Inquiry and on the livestream broadcast to the Inquiry's media annexe and the annexes at the Magistrates' Court. No image of F2 will be shown.
4. There shall be no publication of the image of F2, or reporting of any details which may lead to their identification by the media, pursuant to section 11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981.
5. There shall be no questions asked of F2 which may lead to their identity, or their current role being revealed.

6. The Inquiry Legal Team (to be broadly construed), Core Participants, their legal representatives and members of the public who have been specifically approved to be present in the Inquiry's main hearing room shall be permitted to see F2 when they give evidence, subject to the restrictions set out at paragraphs 3 to 5 of this Order.
7. F2's evidence will not be broadcast (live streamed) via YouTube, nor will a recording of the evidence be made available on YouTube. A transcript of the evidence will be published on the Inquiry's website.
8. Practical measures will be put in place to ensure secure entry and exit from the Court to shield F2's identity from the wider public and press.
9. This Order is made on 24 September 2021 and remains in force indefinitely.
10. The Chairman may vary or revoke this Order by making a further order at any point.
11. Any breach of this Order by any means whatsoever shall be notified in writing to the Solicitor to the Inquiry ("STI") immediately upon identification of the breach.

PENAL NOTICE

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

Sir John Saunders
Chairman, Manchester Arena Inquiry
24 September 2021