



# INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

### CHANGE IN RECOGNISED LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

1. On 3 May and 18 August 2017, I designated D24 and John Mann MP respectively as core participants in the Children in the Care of Nottinghamshire Councils investigation. At the same time, I designated Debbie Heath of Bhatia Best solicitors as D24's recognised legal representative. No designation of legal representation was made in respect of Mr Mann at that time.
2. The Inquiry was subsequently informed, on 20 February 2018, that Bhatia Best solicitors were no longer representing D24. Both D24 and Mr Mann were therefore unrepresented.
3. On 29 June 2018, an application was received from Jessica Gladstone of Clifford Chance LLP seeking designation as the recognised legal representative for D24 and Mr Mann.
4. I am conscious that lawyers from a number of legal firms have been designated as representatives for complainants in this investigation. I note however that Mr Mann has previously made submissions in this investigation highlighting his concerns about the handling allegations of sexual abuse and civil claims by solicitors, in particular, in relation to firms local to Nottingham. Additionally I consider that both D24 and Mr Mann would benefit from legal representation in this investigation. In these circumstances, I consider it appropriate for Mr Mann and D24 to have separate legal representation from other core participants even though their interests in the investigation are similar. As a result of this change in legal representation, the Inquiry will now refer to D24 as Q1.
5. Accordingly, as I am satisfied that Q1 and Mr Mann have now appointed Jessica Gladstone of Clifford Chance LLP as their qualified lawyer, I designate Ms Gladstone as their recognised legal representative in this investigation in accordance with rule 6(1) Inquiry Rules 2006 as I am required by that rule to do.

**Professor Alexis Jay OBE**  
**Chair, Independent Inquiry Child Sexual Abuse**

**10 July 2018**