

BEFORE HM CORONER FOR SURREY, MR RICHARD TRAVERS

(1) A designated point of contact for media enquiries in relation to the inquests

The relevant point of contact has thus far been and shall, until further notice, remain my lead officer on these inquests, Heather Nin.

and any other interested media organisations or journalists. From time to time, Ms Nin has copied some additional items of correspondence to the interested persons for information, but I see no need to include all of these in the bundle. If and to the extent that a specific letter or email is referred to in the bundle, or has been otherwise referred to at any of the PIRs to date, the media are free to request a copy should they so wish.

(3) Establishment of a website

As discussed at the PIR on 2 September 2020, Ms Nin has made contact with Surrey County Council who have offered to host a webpage for the inquests on their website. My rulings in this inquest, contact details for Ms Nin, information about hearings and documents falling within paragraph 7(1) below will be uploaded to this webpage in due course.

6. The point at which some difficulty arises concerns the nature and practical application of the unarguable presumption in favour of openness:

- (1) the BBC urges a presumption that all materials referred to or relied on in court in these inquests be automatically made available unless an objection to this is raised in advance - t

8. The two day timeframe will allow for objections to be made in relation to particular documents and, if this happens, publication or disclosure will not take place pending my decision on the objections. Conversely, I will endeavour to accommodate media requests for speedier access to particular documents on a case-by-case basis - in consultation with the interested persons subject to compliance with my duty to act fairly. From what was said at the PIR on 2 September 2020, I do not anticipate that any of the interested persons will object to these arrangements, but not all of them attended or were represented and I will, of course, consider any submissions any of them may wish to make on the subject.

9. In practice, this leaves documentary materials which may represent potential evidence or which may relate to evidential matters more generally, e.g. contemporaneous documents, plans, photographs and reports, witness statements and schedules of