

IN THE SURREY CORONER'S COURT

**INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF
SEAN BENTON**

ORDER

BEFORE HH Peter Rook QC, Nominated Judge Coroner, sitting in the Surrey Coroner's Court at Woking on 6 March 2018.

UPON an application for an order under s4(2) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 being made by the family of Mr Benton.

AND ON hearing Leading Counsel for the family of Mr Benton, Counsel for Mr Holder and Counsel for the Ministry of Defence. All other Interested Persons having indicated that they adopt a neutral stance towards this application.

IT IS ORDERED pursuant to s.4(2) Contempt of Court Act 1981, that, in order to avoid a substantial risk of prejudice to the administration of justice in these proceedings,

- (1) publication of any report of Martin Holder's evidence given at this inquest shall be postponed until noon on 9 March 2018 or further order.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED pursuant to the Court's case management powers, that

- (2) Sara Richardson shall not be permitted to attend Court during the evidence of Mr Holder.
- (3) Sara Richardson shall not be informed by any person, including any Interested Person at this inquest or their legal representatives, of Martin Holder's oral evidence to this inquest before she commences giving her oral evidence in Court. Until she has completed her evidence Sara Richardson may not be informed of Martin Holder's oral evidence to this inquest by anyone, including any Interested Person or their legal representatives, save during questioning in Court.

HH Peter Rook QC
6 March 2018