



Monday 12 January 2026

**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL**

ON APPEAL FROM KING'S BENCH DIVISION  
QB-2022-000959

**BEFORE** LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH



CA-2025-000329-A

**B E T W E E N**

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**CLAIMANT /  
APPLICANT**

ON PAPER

Application No.

CA-2025-000329-A

- and -

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

**DEFENDANT /  
RESPONDENT**

**UPON** reading the Claimant/Respondent's application for an Anonymity Order sealed on 21 March 2025 and the witness statement in support from Mr Ian Austen-Jones dated 22 October 2025

**AND UPON** consideration of the Claimant/Respondent's Article 8 right to respect for private and family life and the Article 10 right to freedom of expression.

**AND UPON IT APPEARING** that non-disclosure of the identity of the Claimant/Respondent is necessary in order to protect the interests of the Claimant/Respondent

**AND UPON** the Defendant/Appellant having been served with notice of this application and having indicated it has no objection

**AND PURSUANT** to rule 39.2(4) of the Civil Procedure Rules and section II of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and rules 5.4C and 5.4D of the Civil Procedure Rules.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. There should be no disclosure or publication by the press or otherwise of the Claimant/Respondent's name or address or of any other information likely to lead to the identification of the Claimant/Respondent in this appeal.
2. In any order, judgment or report of these proceedings, or other publication by whatever medium:

- a. The Claimant/Respondent shall be referred to as ZZZ;
  - b. The Claimant/Respondent's father shall be referred to as YZZ;
  - c. The Claimant/Respondent's mother shall be referred to as XZZ;
3. The Court file shall be clearly marked with the words "An anonymity order was made in this case on 12 January 2026 and any application by a non-party to inspect or obtain a copy document from this file must be dealt with in accordance with the terms of that Order."
  4. A non-party may not inspect or obtain a copy of any document from the Court file in accordance with CPR 5.4C unless any references to the Claimant/Respondent, his mother and his father are anonymised in accordance with the terms of this order.
  5. Any interested party, whether or not a party to the proceedings, may apply to the Court to set aside or vary this Order, provided that any such application is made on notice to the Claimant/Respondent.
  6. Pursuant to the 'Practice Guidance: Publication of Privacy and Anonymity Orders' issued by the Master of the Rolls dated 16 April 2019 a copy of this Order shall be published on the Judicial Website of the High Court of Justice ([www.judiciary.uk](http://www.judiciary.uk)) in anonymised form. For that purpose, a court officer will send a copy of the order by email to the Judicial Office at [judicialwebupdates@judiciary.uk](mailto:judicialwebupdates@judiciary.uk).
  7. The costs of obtaining this order be costs in the case.

**BY THE COURT**