



**In the High Court of Justice
Queen's Bench Division
Administrative Court**

CO/2469/2020

In the matter of an application for judicial review

THE QUEEN

on the application of

QXH

Claimant

-and-

UNITED KINGDOM RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Defendant

**(1) RESEARCH ENGLAND
(2) UNIVERSITIES UK
(3) GUILDHE**

Interested Parties

Following consideration of the documents lodged by the Claimant and the Acknowledgement of Service filed by the Defendant

ORDER by the Honourable Mr Justice Murray

1. The application for an anonymity order in relation to the Claimant is granted. The Claimant shall be referred to as "QXH" in all statements of case and other documents filed or served in the proceedings and in any judgment or order in the proceedings and in any report of the proceedings by the press or otherwise. No information shall be published that would enable the Claimant to be identified directly or indirectly.
2. The application for permission to apply for judicial review is adjourned and will be listed for hearing in court, on notice to the Defendant and the Interested Parties, as soon as possible after 20 January 2021, with a time estimate of 2 hours.
3. The parties are to provide a written estimate within 7 days of service of this Order if they disagree with the estimate at 1 above.
4. The Claimant must file and serve a Skeleton Argument not less than 7 days before the date of the hearing.
5. The Defendant must file and serve a Skeleton Argument not less than 3 days before the date of the hearing.
6. Any Interested Party that wishes to file and serve a Skeleton Argument must do so not less than 3 days before the date of the hearing.

Observations

1. The public interest in open justice, including that the public should be able to know the identity of parties in claims brought before the court, is paramount. There should be no derogation from the open justice principle save such as can be justified on the ground of necessity consistent with the interests of justice. Any derogation permitted should be the minimum possible.
2. The Claimant is a vulnerable young adult afflicted with serious mental health problems, including suicidal ideation. I am satisfied that, exceptionally in this case, an anonymity order is necessary and consistent with the interests of justice in order to protect the Claimant from the likely adverse impact of publicity associated with these proceedings on his mental health should his identity be made known.
3. The issues raised by this proposed challenge, including whether the claim is amenable to judicial review and whether the Claimant has standing to bring the claim, would be best addressed, in my view, at an oral hearing.

Signed:

Mr Justice Murray

13 January 2021

The date of service of this order is calculated from the date in the section below

For completion by the Administrative Court Office

either the Claimant, and the Defendant [and the Interested Party]

or the Claimant's, and the Defendant's [and the Interested Party's] solicitors

Date:

Solicitors:

Ref No