

What is redaction?

Redaction is the process of blanking out part of the text of a document. Any redactions made to documents submitted as evidence to the Inquiry, will be made by the Inquiry's legal team in line with the [Protocol for redacting documents](#).

Who can ask for text to be redacted?

When an individual or organisation provides a document to the Inquiry, they can ask to have parts of it to be redacted. This can be because the information is not relevant to the Inquiry's work, is personal or breaches national security. Before it discloses a document to core participants the Inquiry will inform the individual or organisation that provided it of its intention to do so, so that the provider has an opportunity to request additional redactions. Reasons must be given for each requested redaction except in relation to personal data, which the Inquiry will ordinarily redact in accordance with the Protocol.

Who decides what can be redacted?

The Chairman will consider all requests for redaction. If the Chairman does not consider that grounds for redaction have been made, the provider of the document will be notified before the document in question is disclosed.

Personal Data

The Inquiry will also review all documents before disclosure to ensure compliance with its obligations in relation to the processing of personal data under the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. The Inquiry's approach to the redaction of personal data is governed by the relevance of that data to the Inquiry's work and the necessity for its disclosure. The Inquiry has retained specialist independent Counsel expert in data protection legislation to advise it on its obligations.

Types of personal data that can be redacted

The Inquiry redacts personal data that could identify an individual except where the data is relevant and disclosure is necessary for the purposes of the Inquiry. Please note this is not an exhaustive list; other personal information can be redacted.

- Personal Address
- Date of birth
- Personal phone number
- Personal Email address
- Personal car registration
- Physical / mental health condition
- Financial information / payroll number
- Details of individual's sexual life
- Political views
- Racial / ethnic origin
- Religious beliefs
- Commission / alleged commission of any offence