

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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Key facts about the Inquiry

- Set up in 2015 to investigate organisations and institutions that have failed to protect children from sexual abuse
- Led by Chair, Professor Alexis Jay OBE and three Panel members - Professor Sir Malcolm Evans, Ivor Frank and Drusilla Sharpling CBE
- Supported by a Victims and Survivors' Consultative Panel
- Independent of government
- Does not have the power to convict people of criminal offences, determine civil liability or award compensation
- Inquiry has offices in Cardiff, Darlington, Exeter, Liverpool, London and Sheffield



Inquiry Terms of Reference

The scope and purpose of the Inquiry is defined in its Terms of Reference, which state that it should:

- consider the extent to which **state and non-state institutions** have failed in their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation
- consider the extent to which those failings have since been addressed
- identify **further action needed** to address any failings identified
- consider the steps which are necessary for state and non-state institutions to take in order to **protect children from such abuse in the future**
- **publish a report with recommendations**

Victims and Survivors' Consultative Panel

Key Facts

- Established to assist the Inquiry by providing a victim and survivor perspective to all aspects of its work
- Provide advice and guidance to the Chair and Panel
- Consists of members who bring together a wealth of experience in providing support and advocacy for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse
- Details of our Victims and Survivors' Consultative Panel members can be found on our website



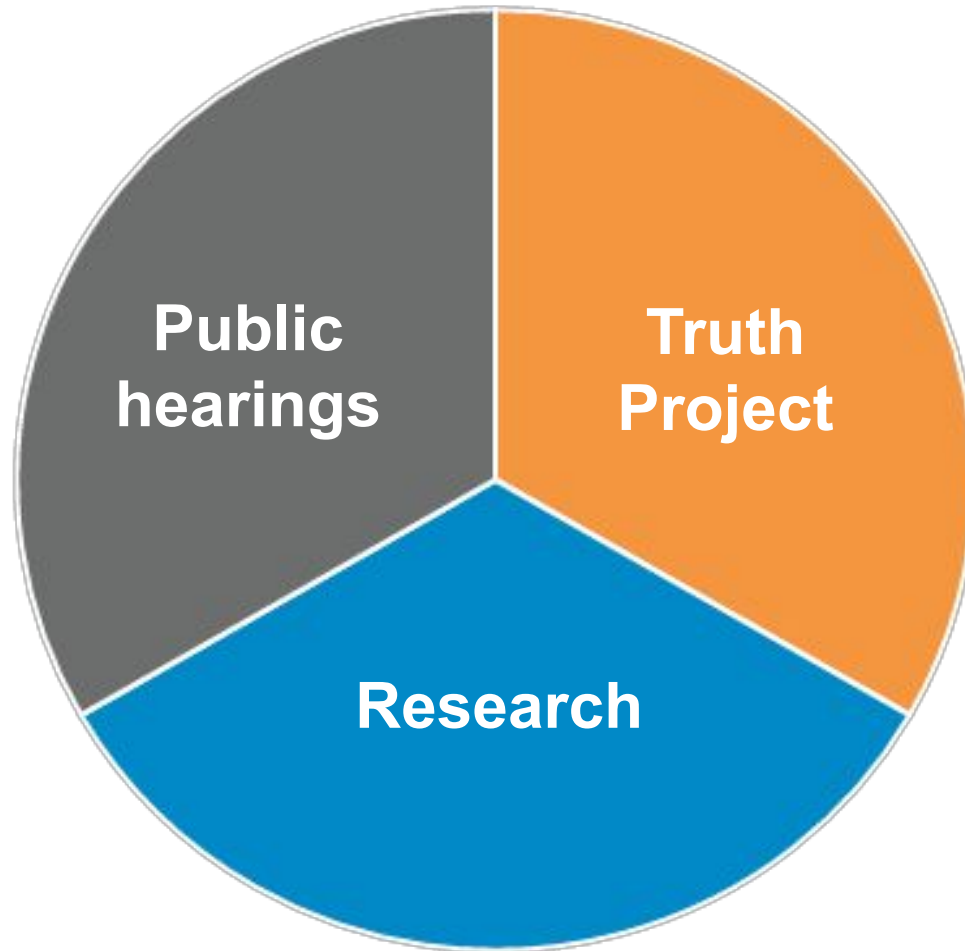
Victims' and Survivors' Forum

Key Facts

- Approximately 800 members have registered to join the Victims and Survivors Forum
- To date 15 Forum meetings have taken place across England and Wales
- The Inquiry has held a consultation with Forum members to help shape the future of the Forum
- Introductory Forum events have been developed and delivered for new members
- Forum members have taken part in various opportunities such as website testing, videos for seminars, research interviews and consultations to help shape the future



Inquiry core projects



Inquiry thematic strands

The Inquiry has four thematic strands that focus its work and recommendations:

- **Cultural:** examining the attitudes, behaviours and values within institutions
- **Structural:** looking at the legislative, governance and organisational frameworks within and between institutions
- **Financial:** considering the financial, funding and resource arrangements for relevant institutions and services
- **Professional and political:** focusing on the leadership, professional and practice issues for those working or volunteering in relevant institutions

Public Hearings

The Inquiry is conducting 14 investigations into institutional failure to protect children from sexual abuse.

Investigations

- [Accountability and Reparations](#)
- [Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale](#)
- [Child Sexual Exploitation by Organised Networks](#)
- [Children in Custodial Institutions](#)
- [Children Outside the UK](#)
- [Institutional Responses to Allegations Concerning Lord Janner](#)
- [Lambeth Council](#)
- [Nottinghamshire Councils](#)
- [Religious Organisations and Settings](#)
- [Residential Schools](#)
- [The Anglican Church](#)
- [The Internet](#)
- [The Roman Catholic Church](#)
- [Westminster](#)



Research

The Inquiry's research team

- Brings together in one place what is already known about child sexual abuse and finds the gaps in our knowledge
- Supports the Inquiry in asking the right questions of the institutions it is investigating
- Generates new knowledge about child sexual abuse
- Analyses the information the Inquiry receives through the Truth Project
- Helps to ensure the best use of high quality data across the Inquiry
- Broadens and deepens the Inquiry's understanding of the perspectives and experiences of victims and survivors of child sexual abuse



Seminars

8 Seminars have been held on the following topics:

**Civil Justice System
(November/
December 2016)**

**Criminal Injuries
Compensation
(February 2017)**

**Preventing and
responding to child
sexual abuse:
Learning from Best
Practice Overseas
(April 2017)**

**Victim and
survivor's
experiences:
impacts, support
services and
redress (July 2017)**

**The Health Sector
(September 2017)**

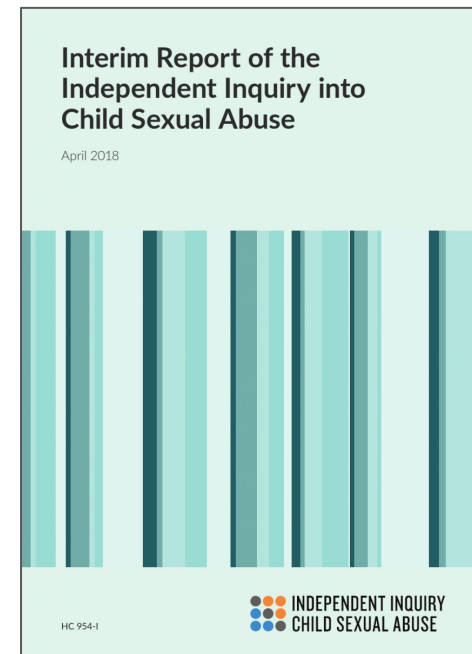
**The Criminal
Justice System
(November 2017)**

**Social and political
narratives about
child sexual abuse
(February 2018)**

**Mandatory
reporting of child
sexual abuse
(September 2018)**

Interim Report

- Published 25 April 2018
- Provides an overview of the Inquiry's work to date, bringing together work from investigations, research, seminars, and the Truth Project
- Identifies our reluctance as a society to discuss child sexual abuse openly and frankly and calls for this to be addressed
- Identifies the lack of transparency by some leaders on the failure of their institutions to protect children from sexual abuse
- Uses the contributions of victims and survivors to provide clear accounts of child sexual abuse and the profound and lifelong impact that it can have



Engaging with The Truth Project

Getting in Touch

Expressing an Interest

Participant contacts the Inquiry to express an interest in the Truth Project. Contact can be made online, via email, via post or by calling the Information Inquiry Line

Invitation

Inquiry Office sends an invitation to share an experience through the Truth Project. Participant will tell us if they wish to share their experience at a private session or in writing. Inquiry Office will respond via the participants preferred method of communication - email, phone or post

Share your experience at a private session

Inquiry Office will note preference for location, date, time, journey and any accompany companions and issue confirmation to the participant.

Share your experience in writing

If a participant wishes to share in writing then an Inquiry Office will send guidance on how to do so.

Support Service

An offer of emotional support is made available to all participants to support them around their engagement with the Inquiry.

Private Truth Sessions

Participants can talk to a support worker before, during and after their session

Participants can inform the Truth Project of ways to help minimise any potential triggers through adjustment requests such as:

- Gender of Support Worker / Facilitator / Assistant Facilitator
- Bringing a companion or service animal with them
- Mobility and accessibility issues
- Specific requests, eg: no red clothing / no brown belts / no ties / no white shirts / no moustaches / no specific accents, etc
- Welsh Language Speaker
- No-one to walk behind them
- Room to be well lit / dimmed lighting

Private sessions will only be recorded with participants' consent

Participants can also write a message to be published alongside their experience



Have Your Say

Clive really wants people to understand that for those who have been sexually abused: 'It doesn't need to be stigmatised as some sort of disability, but it does need to be recognised that this will have a lifelong impact.'

“

It is not your fault. You were taken advantage of. Be kind to yourself. You have been through alot. Let people help you. You are amazing and brave.”

Anonymous

Jackie was doing well at school, socially and academically, until an event happened that had devastating consequences on her life. When she was in her early teens a teacher at her school raped her.

“

With this Inquiry comes renewed hope; hope that while we cannot stop child sexual abuse, we can learn how to limit it, and how to support those affected by it.”

Anonymous

“

They stole so much from me, that cannot be fixed, when they abused me. But with this Inquiry comes renewed hope.”

Anonymous

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Truth Project To Date

- The Inquiry has so far received almost 17,000 expressions of interest from people wishing to share their experience through the Truth Project
- To date, over 4,000 experiences have been shared through the Truth Project
- Some participants have chosen to share their experience both by attending a session and in writing, whilst others have opted for one or the other



Social Demographics

What do we know so far.....

[Truth Project Dashboard October 2019](#)



I will be heard awareness campaign



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Raising awareness within your communities

- Distribute Truth materials
- Mention Truth in your newsletter or communications
- Promote Truth on your website and intranet
- Share messages through social media
- Share information through silent screens
- Share information at front facing events and meetings
- Signpost to the Truth Project
- Share information with your staff and volunteers
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- Be creative!

Thank you for supporting the *I will be heard* campaign and raising awareness of the Truth Project in your within your communities.






Resources to support you

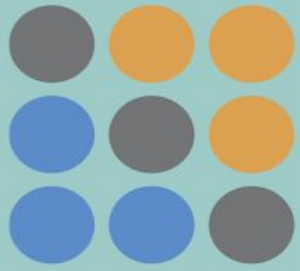
- Truth Project posters (various hard copy and electronic posters in English and Welsh)
- Truth Project booklets (hard copy or electronically in English, Welsh, Arabic, Bengali, Punjabi and Urdu)
- Truth Project Zcards (various hard copy zcards in English, Welsh, Arabic, Bengali, Punjabi and Urdu)
- Social media toolkit (English and Welsh)
- Website copy material (English and Welsh)
- Website banners (English and Welsh)
- Logos (English and Welsh)
- Short videos about the Truth Project
- Photos
- Silent screens



Contact Us

Get in touch

-  You can call the Inquiry Information line on: 0800 917 1000 - it's open weekdays 8am-8pm, Saturdays 10am-12pm. Calls are free and do not show on your bill.
-  You can share your experience through the Truth Project, either by emailing us at share@truthproject.org.uk or using our [online form](#).
You can also provide information by email at contact@iicsa.org.uk.
-  You can write to us via Freepost IICSA INDEPENDENT INQUIRY (no stamp required)



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Thank you

