

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 eight 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

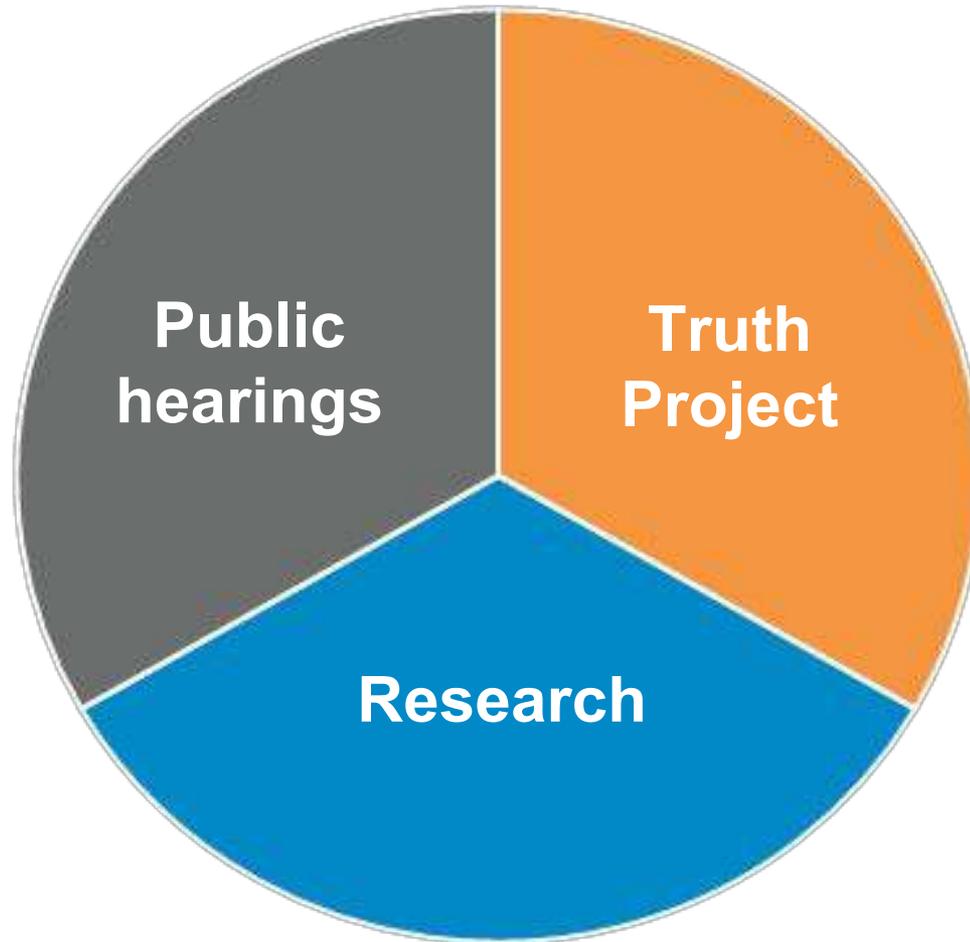
Victims' and Survivors' Forum

Key Facts

- Approximately 780 members have registered to join the Victims and Survivors Forum
- To date 17 Forum meetings have taken place across England and Wales
- This year the Inquiry will be holding events on the Criminal Justice System, Culture Change and Accessing Records to seek victims' and survivors' views on these subjects. Forum members' views will be informative to help shape the Inquiry's future recommendations
- Six live streamed Research events will also be held topics such as Truth analysis in religious institutions, CSA in the youth secure estate and CSE perpetrators in organised networks
- The Forum events schedule for 2019 has been published and is available on the Forum page of the Inquiry's website



Inquiry core projects



Public Hearings



152 Days

of public and preliminary
hearings completed



28 Days

of public and preliminary
hearings planned up to the end
of March 2019



317 Witnesses

have given evidence to the Inquiry,
including core participants



**163,814
Documents**

in total have been received by
the Inquiry

1,857,135

**Total pages
of evidence**

to date has been received and
processed by the Inquiry

▲ 75,574 this quarter

- The Inquiry is conducting 12 investigations into a broad range of institutions, services and subjects
- A full list of investigations is available on our website
- Our public hearings are expected to conclude by the end of 2020



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

Research

5 Ongoing research projects



11 Research reports published



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)**

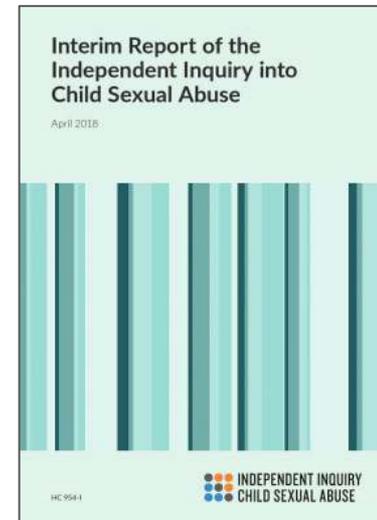
**The Criminal Justice System
(November 2017)**

**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
- Focusses recommendations on four thematic strands: Cultural, Structural, Financial, Professional and Political
- 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



The Truth Project



You can share
your experiences
in confidence in
a safe environment.

Learning from
the past can help
keep children safer
in the future.

Visit www.truthproject.org.uk
Call 0800 917 1000
(weekdays from 8am to 8pm,
Saturdays 10am to 12pm)





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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 tells us if they wish to share their experience at a private session, by telephone or in writing.
Inquiry Office will respond via the participant's preferred method of communication - email, phone or post

Share your experience at a private session

Inquiry Office will note preference for location (if face to face rather than telephone), date, time, journey and any companions. Inquiry Office will then 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 and the Truth Project.

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 distress 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



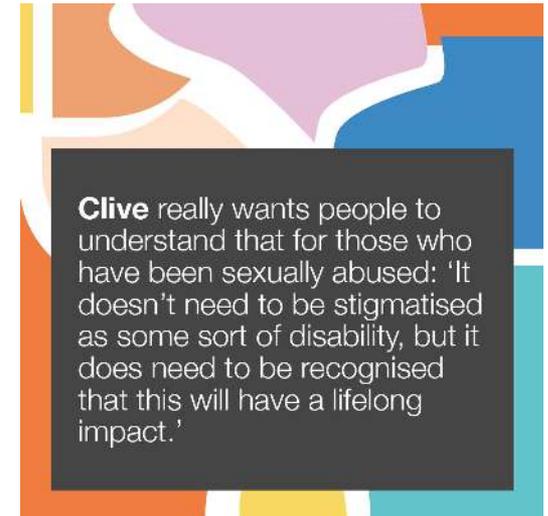
Anonymised Summaries

From last October, the Inquiry has been publishing anonymised narratives from the Truth Project

Additional accounts will be added every quarter, to collate around 1,000 experiences of child sexual abuse online by the end of the Inquiry

These Experiences Shared form the first ever online anthology dedicated to the experiences of victims and survivors in England and Wales.

The accounts are available on the Truth microsite at www.truthproject.org.uk/experiences-shared



Have Your Say

Participants can also choose to have their say through a message to be published alongside their experience

“

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

“

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

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Truth Project To Date

Figures since beginning of Truth Project to February 2019:

14,752



Expressions
of interest

2,053



Truth sessions
attended

777



Written accounts
received

2,830



Total accounts
received

These figures are accurate up to 28 February 2019.

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I will be heard awareness campaign



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Our ask of you...

What can you do to help us to spread the word about the Inquiry and the Truth Project with individuals within your communities?

How can we expand our reach and continue to engage effectively with your communities?



Raising awareness within your communities

Stakeholder Engagement Toolkit

- Information about the **I will be heard** campaign
- A range of suggestions to enable you to actively raise awareness of the Truth Project and the Inquiry
- A range of electronic resources and materials to support your activities

The [Stakeholder Engagement Toolkit](http://www.iicsa.org.uk) is available on www.iicsa.org.uk in the Victims and Survivors section of the website.

Thank you for your support in raising awareness of the Truth Project within your communities.



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)