

INQUIRY NEWSLETTER

Keeping you updated with our work across England and Wales



Our latest investigations

We are meeting the timetable published in our Internal Review and we will be holding preliminary hearings for four of our investigations in May and June. Hearings will take place on the following dates: Child Migration Programmes case study, Children Outside the UK on 9 May, Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale on 10 May, Children in the care of Nottinghamshire Councils on 11 May and the English Benedictine case study, Roman Catholic Church on 6 June.



Our core purpose

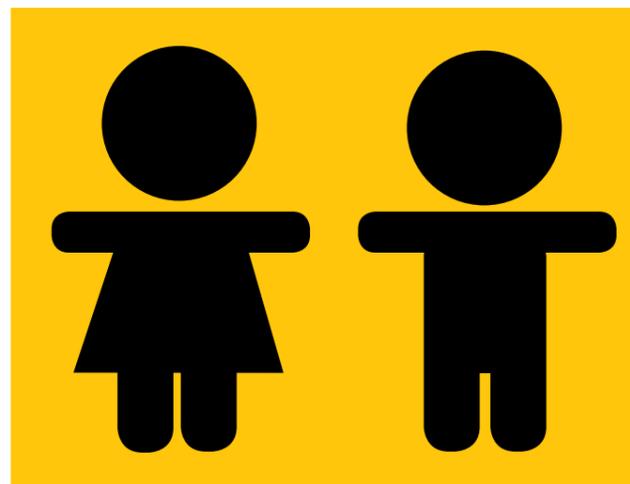
The Inquiry will investigate whether public bodies and other non-state institutions in England and Wales have taken seriously their responsibility to protect children from sexual abuse, and make meaningful recommendations for change in the future.

Learning from others and commissioning research

We held an Inquiry seminar on preventing and responding to child sexual abuse and learning about best practice overseas.

You can watch the seminar in full here: <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/videos>. The seminar was linked to this report by the University of Central Lancashire: “What can be learnt from other jurisdictions about preventing and responding to child sexual abuse.”

As part of our investigation into child sexual abuse and the internet, we are also commissioning research on what is known about the scale of online-facilitated child sexual abuse, including online-facilitated child sexual exploitation. The review should consider what measures and data sources are available for quantifying the scale of the problem of online child sexual abuse, and the strengths and limitations of these.



The Truth Project

If you're in the south west, look out for the Inquiry team who will be holding workshops in Plymouth on 9 May, Salisbury on 11 May and Bristol on 17 May. The team will be inviting local organisations working with victims and survivors to share best practice and learn more about the Truth Project.

“The workshops are specifically designed for victim and survivor support organisations across the region.”

ON THE ROAD

Our Wales office team are also out on the road visiting all parts of the country to meet with local community groups as well as getting in touch with victims and survivors who may want to share their experience with the Truth Project.

Watch our videos of the public hearings here: <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/videos>.

NEWS

Expanding the Victims and Survivors Consultative Panel



Alexis Jay speaking at the Principality Stadium at the opening of the Inquiry Office in Wales in October last year.

Applications for a new member to join the Victims and Survivors Consultative Panel (VSCP) who can provide a Welsh perspective on the Inquiry's work closed at the end of April.

The VSCP is a key part of the Inquiry. Its role is to provide consultative advice on all areas of the Inquiry's work, including: communications, engagement, research, and future recommendations. The VSCP work to ensure that the needs and perspectives of victims and survivors are reflected in the Inquiry's on-going work. The new member of the VSCP will be required to undertake any or all of the following:

- Advise the Inquiry on the way in which it engages with victims and survivors, including how we reach out to victim and survivor groups and networks, how to engage people in the Victims and Survivors Forum, and how to spread the Inquiry's messages to wider victim and survivor communities.
- Advise the Inquiry on the way in which it communicates with the broader public, for example, through reviewing the website content and the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Inquiry Information Line and the Information and Engagement Hub.
- Share their expertise and knowledge in developing the work of the Inquiry, including the Truth Project, public hearings and the research programme.

Facebook

In April, we launched a Facebook page, @IICSATruthProject to help make the Truth Project more accessible.

Since we opened the page, we've reached over 10,000 people and seen an increase in the number of victims and survivors expressing an interest in taking part in the Truth Project.

CONTACT US

Call our information line on 0800 917 1000 between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday. (Closed on bank holidays).

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You can follow the Inquiry on Twitter @InquiryCSA or find us on Facebook @IICSATruthProject.

Visit our website: <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/>

OTHER NEWS

A warm welcome to Henrietta Hill QC. Henrietta, who acted as lead counsel for the Inquiry's first public hearings on the Child Migration Programmes case study, has been confirmed as the new Deputy Lead Counsel. She has a wealth of experience and will be working closely with the Solicitor to the Inquiry and supporting our new Leading Counsel, Brian Altman QC.



Marketing campaign

Articles raising awareness of the Truth Project are appearing in women's weekly magazines. The campaign, which launched in April, will run until June. The articles are written by the magazines' journalists to introduce the Truth Project, and encourage readers to find out more.

Friends and relatives are an important secondary audience for the campaign especially those who know victims and survivors and may be called on for help or advice.

This is the first phase of a wider marketing campaign which aims to reach victims and survivors to encourage them to find out more about Truth Project.

