

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

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● INTRODUCTION

- Explain the purpose and scope of the Inquiry
- Provide an overview of our work
- Ask for your help



● 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 future**
- **publish a report with recommendations**

● PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Inquiry has launched 13 investigations and associated case studies into a broad range of institutions, including:

- **Child Migration Programmes case study**
Public hearings held in February and July to examine evidence;
case study complete - part of wider children outside the UK investigation
- **Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale**
Currently underway, public hearing taking place 9-27 October
- **The Roman Catholic Church**
Public hearing scheduled to commence in November
- **The Anglican Church**
Public hearing scheduled to commence in March 2018

In addition, the Inquiry is conducting a review of previous inquiries and reviews.

● RESEARCH

● Research Programme

- Primary research
 - Upcoming work includes research with **children in custodial institutions** on safeguarding arrangements and an evaluation of **e-safety interventions in schools** in protecting children from sexual abuse online
- Rapid Evidence Assessments
 - The impacts of child sexual abuse
 - Learning from best practice overseas

● Seminar programme

- Civil justice
- Criminal injuries compensation
- Preventing and responding to child sexual abuse - learning from best practice overseas
- Victims and survivors' experiences
- Health sector
- The criminal justice system

● THE TRUTH PROJECT

- Opportunity for victims and survivors to tell the Inquiry about their experiences - confidential, supported and led at all times by the participant. Inquiry required to pass any allegations of child abuse to the police.
- If they consent, the information they provide is used to inform the Inquiry's research. First report of emerging themes from the Truth Project published later this month.
- Truth Project sessions held in London, Cardiff, Liverpool, Darlington and Exeter. Also holding sessions in the following areas between now and March 2018:

Leeds

Carlisle

Brighton

Bristol

Barnstable

Sheffield

Grantham

Aberystwyth

Birmingham

Reading

Truro

Newcastle

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