

regarding an extension and so the matter should have been dealt with by the time limit of 56 days as set out in the Clergy Discipline Measure. However, Justin Welby broke this time limit by 111 days. I was made to stick to a one-year time limit for bringing my complaints, and the church would not hear my complaints after that one year, but Justin Welby can miss the deadline of a time limitation under the same measure and the church considers this acceptable. It is not. There is no justification for Justin Welby being overdue by 111 days. I did have good reasons, but my reasons were ignored.

117. The National Safeguarding Team for The Church of England is, in my opinion (and that of many other victims of abuse I have contact with) in chaos. Those who work in this department are also manipulative and quite prepared to lie when it serves to protect the bishops of the church, even at the expense of the wellbeing of victims of abuse, as I know from my own experience. For example, they issued a statement after Devamannikam's death which read;

**'We have been alerted by police that Trevor Devamanikkam has been found dead  
DPA Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by this sad news  
and we have offered Michael (my pseudonym before I waived my anonymity)  
pastoral care and support'**

118. This statement is insulting and untruthful and they have consistently failed to even keep good records or act appropriately. They had also issued an earlier statement which said I had been offered support since the matter came to light last summer (2016). But the matter didn't come to light in 2016. It came to light in 2012 when I disclosed my abuse to Bishop Peter Burrows, Archdeacon Martyn Snow, Bishop Glyn Webster, Bishop Steven Croft and Archbishop John Sentamu. The church was made aware through the Leeds Diocese DSA Jenny Price that the police had begun their investigations in May 2015 (not 2016) by DC Alison Hanson of West Yorkshire Police. They cannot even get their dates straight. They are in disarray.

119. This is the email I sent to Moira Murray of the NST and her response. This email is two days after Devamanikkams non-appearance at court and his suicide.

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Sent: 08 June 2017 10:04

To: Moira Murray

[DPA]; [DPA]

have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)".

92. The Church of England can clearly disregard time limits when it suits them but strictly imposed a one year time limit on me for bringing my complaints despite the fact that I had disclosed my abuse to three bishops, one archdeacon and one archbishop, as well as South Yorkshire Police and been ignored leaving me feel unbelievably and unsure what to do and only did complain after getting proper help from my solicitor through MACSAS. It also manipulates legislation and even makes it up as it goes along to justify failing to bring the bishops to account.

## **Summary**

### **Bishop Peter Burrows**

- Bishop Peter Burrows, Chair of The Diocesan Board of Education for The Diocese of Sheffield failed to act on reports of the sexual abuse of primary school children and then further lied by saying that the police had been called and the matter sorted. The police have confirmed no call was received from Peter Burrows, **DPA** School or anyone at The Diocese of Sheffield
- Bishop Peter Burrows ignored my disclosure of childhood sexual abuse and to this day has done nothing about it except to object in writing to an investigation into his misconduct
- Bishop Burrows breached the data protection act by publicly, and with no discretion, discussing in Cuccini's Coffee Bar in Rotherham my abuse and laughing about it. This is verified by independent witnesses, Mr James and Mrs Janet Bartholomew of Bartholomew and Sons Funeral Directors in Rotherham who have signed a statement to verify what they saw and heard.
- By his actions Bishop Peter Burrows left primary school children vulnerable and at risk of sexual abuse and an alleged sex abuser in place as a **DPA** lied to cover his failure, ignored my disclosure of child sex abuse and left a sex abuser 5 years to go unchecked all contrary to The Church of England Safeguarding policy and Clergy Discipline measure which he is required to follow by virtue of the office he holds.

### **Bishop Steven Croft**

- Bishop Steven Croft in his time as Bishop of Sheffield failed to ensure that an efficient and appropriate safeguarding policy and practice was in place in his time as Bishop of Sheffield, ignored four disclosures of childhood abuse from me and thereby left a sex abuser 5 years to potentially abuse again, ignored information regarding the mental health of a priest in his Diocese of Oxford who was under investigation for historic child sex offences, and later charged and then committed suicide, failed to do any checks or risk assessments as required by the Church of England Safeguarding Policy and Clergy Discipline Measure which states he is required to do and regarding Safeguarding is ultimately responsible for by virtue of the office he holds. He also objected in writing to being investigated and has attempted to discredit me publicly and told lies and showed complete arrogance and cover up of his failures and deliberate actions.

### **Bishop Martyn Snow**

- Bishop Martyn Snow ignored my disclosure of abuse and failed to follow safeguarding rules as required by the office he holds, objected in writing to being investigated for his failures and has lied on BBC TV about the complaint against him and the other bishops. This is in contravention of Church of England Safeguarding Policy and rules and the Clergy Discipline Measure which is required to follow and abide by virtue of the office he holds

### **Archbishop John Sentamu**

- Archbishop John Sentamu ignored my written disclosure of abuse, objected in writing to being investigated for his failures and failed to follow safeguarding rules as are required in the Church of England Safeguarding Policy and rules and The Clergy Discipline Measure which is required by the office he holds.
- Archbishop Sentamu deliberately proposed that no action be taken on my disclosures of abuse which is now evidenced in the release of an internal memo through a subject access request. This again is in direct disobedience to the Safeguarding policy and rules o and The Clergy Discipline Measure of The Church of England which, by virtue of the office he holds office he bound to do.

### **Bishop Glyn Webster**

- Bishop Glyn Webster Ignored my disclosure of abuse and failed to follow safeguarding rules as required by the office he holds and objected in writing to being investigated for