

33. The Charity had reported the allegations to the Police, Social Services and the Archdiocese of Westminster Child Protection Officer.

## Commission Inquiry

34. Following receipt of the Serious Incident Report in January 2008 and due to the serious and similar nature of the allegations that were made and the previous assurances from the trustees, the Commission opened a new statutory Inquiry (the second Inquiry) on 1 February 2008.
35. The Commission as a non-prosecuting body has no role in the investigation of criminal matters, which in this instance were led by the Metropolitan Police.
36. The Commission liaised with the Metropolitan Police throughout the course of its investigation.
37. There was no immediate risk to the Charity's beneficiaries as Individual A left the Charity at the request of the trustees following his arrest in January 2008.
38. The Commission monitored the progress and outcome of the criminal prosecution and was informed that on 17 August 2009 Individual A pleaded guilty to indecent assault of five boys. On 2 October 2009 he was sentenced to eight years imprisonment.
39. The purpose of the second Inquiry was to examine how the trustees exercised their duty of care to the beneficiaries of the Charity in light of the recent arrest of Individual A and how the trustees managed any risks to the Charity's reputation as a result of the arrest following the new allegations.

## Timescale of Inquiry

40. The second Inquiry opened on 1 February 2008 and the Commission's substantive investigations were concluded on 15 September 2008.
41. Publication of the Inquiry Report was delayed for a number of reasons. These included allowing the criminal investigation, and subsequent prosecution into the most recent allegations of abuse to take place without prejudicing their outcome.

## Issues

42. The second Inquiry looked at the assurances given to the Commission in the first Inquiry and whether the Charity had acted in accordance with its child protection policies and procedures. The second Inquiry also looked at the actions taken by the trustees in respect of the reputational risks for the Charity following the arrest of Individual A in January 2008