

Truth Project still available to deaf victims and survivors in person and by video

Survivors of child sexual abuse who are Deaf are still able to share their experiences with the Truth Project, part of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, via videolink and in person. Over 5,500 people have already shared their accounts.

The Truth Project can provide British Sign Language information and emotional support for Deaf survivors who come forward to the service. They can provide information and support via WhatsApp, text message, video call or email and help participants to fill in registration forms and any other paperwork.

Deaf victims and survivors have told the Truth Project about how child sexual abuse has affected their physical and mental health, and their life chances. Others have described how they were let down by people or institutions such as social services or the police, when they told someone what was happening to them.

Paul Redfern, a facilitator at the Truth Project said:

“I’ve been working as a facilitator for the Truth Project since the Deaf service started, and I want to reassure Deaf victims and survivors that the Inquiry wants to know about their experiences.”

Sharing an account with the Truth Project is a deeply personal experience and those who come forward to the Truth Project will be supported by a dedicated Deaf support worker before, during and after their Truth Project session. They will help you to prepare for your session and how you may feel - getting ready for the session; on the day of the session; and afterward.

To share your experience with the Truth Project, visit the Inquiry’s [Deaf Services page](#) for more information and support.

You can also email deaf@iicsa.org.uk

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