

Consultation on the Inquiry's 2018 seminar programme

As part of its [internal review](#), the Inquiry invited suggestions on its seminar programme for 2018. We received two written responses to the consultation, suggesting a range of seminar topics. The Inquiry's seminar programme was also discussed with members of the Victims and Survivors' Forum.

Some of the suggestions we received were already included within the 2017 seminar programme announced as part of the internal review, including:

- the impacts of child sexual abuse
- the quality and availability of support for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse
- levels of spending on services which provide such support
- police forces' responses to allegations of child sexual abuse

These issues were considered in the *Victims and survivors' experiences* [seminar](#) held in July 2017 and the *Criminal Justice System* [seminar](#) held in November 2017.

We received topic suggestions in a number of other areas, including:

- child sexual abuse in specific types of institution, including residential institutions, the military and religious and faith institutions
- whistleblowing and the protections and support in place for whistleblowers
- looked after children and current child protection procedures in England and Wales
- access by victims and survivors to records relating to their childhood
- ways that the Inquiry can help and support victims and survivors of child sexual abuse to participate in its work

Some of the suggested topics are being examined through other elements of the Inquiry's work, including our investigations and research, and the [Interim Report](#) contains recommendations in a number of these areas. Over the coming year, fewer seminars will take place due to the number of public hearings scheduled. A seminar on mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse will be held in September 2018, and we are considering whether we can hold additional seminars during the year. We have also made changes to the way we run seminars to ensure that those attending have the opportunity to contribute their views and experiences.

The latest information on the Inquiry's seminar programme can be found [here](#).