

ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPARATIONS

Description of scope for case studies

1. The description of scope for the Inquiry's investigation into accountability and reparations states that it will examine two specific case studies: North Wales children's homes and Forde Park Approved School.
2. The Inquiry has decided to add two further case studies in order to obtain as broad a range of evidence as possible. The additional case studies are: St Leonard's children's home, and St Aidan's & St Vincent's children's homes. The selection of these case studies does not prevent the inclusion of additional case studies at a later date.
3. The accountability and reparations investigation focuses on the aftermath of child sexual abuse. The Inquiry is limited by its terms of reference to considering experiences of child sexual abuse. It is not able to examine other forms of child abuse.
4. We will be seeking evidence on the following issues in the four case studies:
 - a. The process of making a civil claim for damages;
 - b. Criminal compensation schemes (criminal compensation orders; Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA), formerly Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CIBA) awards); and
 - c. Support services for victims and survivors who have disclosed child sexual abuse, whether or not they were involved in a criminal or civil case.
5. The investigation will not examine or resolve disputed factual issues relating to the underlying allegations of child sexual abuse.