

One page summary for Internet public hearings

- The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse is holding public hearings into the response of law enforcement agencies to child sexual abuse facilitated by the internet.
- This is one part of the definition of scope of the Internet investigation and will feature evidence from the mother of a victim of online grooming.
- The hearings will consider a number of issues including an assessment of the current scale of online facilitated child sexual abuse and how the police nationally and regionally respond to this problem.

The five day hearing will examine the response of the police and the National Crime Agency (which includes the Child Exploitation and Online Protection command) and consider how those responses impact on child protection. It will also consider a number of other issues including an assessment of the current scale of online facilitated child sexual abuse and how the police nationally and regionally respond to it.

In coordination with the hearings, the Inquiry is publishing three rapid evidence assessments on its website:

- The behaviour and characteristics of perpetrators of online facilitated child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Characteristics and vulnerabilities of victims of online facilitated child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Quantifying the extent of online facilitated child sexual abuse.