

## **Press release - Internet hearing**

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse is holding public hearings into the response of law enforcement agencies - the CEOP command of the National Crime Agency, the police, and others - to child sexual abuse facilitated by the Internet.

The five day hearing will examine the responses of the police, the National Crime Agency, which includes the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) command and consider how that response impacts on child protection. The hearing will also 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.

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.

The public hearings will take place between 22 and 26 January at the IICSA hearing centre, 18 Pockock Street, London SE1 0BW. They will be held from 10.30am - 4pm each day, except Tuesday 23 January which will commence at 2pm.

The timetable will be published on Friday 19 January on the Inquiry's website.

All the evidence, including transcripts and videos from these hearings will be available on our website afterwards: [www.iicsa.org.uk](http://www.iicsa.org.uk)

## **Ends**

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## **Notes to Editors**

- Public hearings resemble a conventional public inquiry, where witnesses give evidence on oath and are subject to questioning by Inquiry counsel. The Inquiry is selecting case studies from a range of institutions that appear to illustrate a pattern of institutional failings
- Transcripts will be available on our website after each hearing.
- Further dates for all hearings into the Inquiry's investigations will be announced in due course.

- Information on all preliminary and public hearings will continue to be posted on our website.