

PRESS NOTICE

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Public hearings into the English Benedictine Congregation case study in the Catholic Church investigation

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse is holding public hearings into allegations about the sexual abuse and exploitation of children in the Roman Catholic Church.

The hearings will take place between 27 November and 15 December at 10.30am each day at the IICSA hearing centre, 18 Pocock Street, London SE1 0BW.

The first case study will examine the English Benedictine Congregation which has been the subject of numerous allegations of child sexual abuse, including at schools run by the Congregation. The hearings will examine the relationship between Orders such as the Benedictines and the Catholic Church in England and Wales and consider how that relationship impacts on child protection.

It will also evaluate whether any failings identified within the English Benedictine Congregation are representative of wider failings within the Catholic Church as well as examining previous reports into child protection, such as the Nolan review, and the Catholic Church's response to that report.

All the evidence, including transcripts and videos from these hearings will be available on our website.

Ends

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Notes to Editors

- A 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

