

## **One page summary - Westminster hearing**

This investigation is an overarching inquiry into allegations of child sexual abuse and exploitation involving people of public prominence associated with Westminster.

### **There are seven topics that this investigation will examine - these are:**

1. Police investigations
2. Prosecutorial decisions
3. Political parties
4. The Whips' offices
5. The Honours System
6. The Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE)
7. Safeguarding policies

### **The hearings will examine:**

- Whether Westminster institutions, including political parties, government departments, law enforcement or intelligence agencies have failed or are still failing to protect children from child sexual abuse.
- How those institutions responded to allegations of child sexual abuse.
- Whether political parties turned a blind eye to allegations of in-house child sexual abuse, or whether there were attempts to cover up such allegations.
- Whether whips' offices tried to turn such allegations to their advantage or use such influence with police or prosecution decisions in cases of child sexual abuse.
- Whether there was a culture in place in Westminster institutions that sought to shield people of public prominence from proper investigation and tolerate their wrongdoing at the expense of their victims.
- The findings of relevant investigations, including police investigations, IPCC/IPOC investigations.
- Whether or not certain police officers were 'warned off' investigating people of public prominence in regards to Westminster.
- Whether there are adequate safeguarding and child protection policies in place within political parties, government departments and agencies.

The Inquiry wishes to make clear that the fact that certain individuals will be named during this public hearing, does not mean that the allegations against them are true.

This investigation is not examining the truth or otherwise of individual allegations. The Inquiry is simply addressing, in an open and transparent way, issues of grave public concern.

### **Witnesses include:**

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC), The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), The Security Services (MI5), Former Members of Parliament, Secretaries of State and Whips and Members of the House of Lords.