

ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPARATIONS FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

An inquiry into the extent to which existing support services and legal processes effectively deliver reparations to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and exploitation

Scope of investigation

1. The Inquiry will investigate the extent to which existing support services, compensation frameworks and the civil justice system are fit to deliver reparations to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse. The investigation will incorporate case specific investigations and a review of information available from published and unpublished reports and reviews, court cases, and previous investigations in relation to the delivery of reparations to the victims and survivors of child sexual abuse.
2. The Inquiry will consider the experiences of victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and investigate:
 - 2.1. what amounts to adequate reparation in the case of child sexual abuse, including a consideration of what weight should be attached to the right to an independent and impartial investigation, the right to truth, accountability, compensation, guarantees of non-recurrence, and support services;
 - 2.2. to what extent support services, the civil justice system, and/or alternative compensation frameworks (including the criminal courts and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority) have delivered each of these elements to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse, including consideration of:
 - a. the adequacy of support services provided by public, private and charitable organisations;
 - b. the extent to which the current civil litigation framework may have obstructed the delivery of some or all elements of reparation;
 - c. the extent to which the current model of insurance, and/or the practice of insurance companies, may have obstructed the delivery of some or all elements of reparation;
 - d. the extent to which other factors may have obstructed the delivery of some or all elements of reparation;
 - e. the extent to which any of the factors above may also have obstructed the implementation of effective safeguarding measures by institutions.
3. To investigate the issues set out above the Inquiry will identify case studies including, but not limited to, the experience of victims and survivors of sexual abuse at Forde

Park Approved School and children's homes in North Wales.

4. In light of the investigations set out above, the Inquiry will publish a report setting out its findings, lessons learned, and recommendations to improve child protection and safeguarding in England and Wales.