

GLOSSARY

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms, as used by the Inquiry, have the meanings set out below.

Where there are existing definitions of these terms in the statutory guidance, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015, the Inquiry adopts the same definition and will interpret those terms consistently with the guidance.

This glossary may be updated during the course of the Inquiry as necessary.

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| charitable institutions | Institutions established for charitable purposes in England and Wales. |
| child | A person under the age of 18. |
| child protection | Activity that is undertaken to protect children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm. |
| child sexual abuse | Sexual abuse of children involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities. The activities may involve physical contact and non-contact activities, such as involving children in looking at, or in the production of, sexual images, watching sexual activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways, or grooming a child in preparation for abuse including via the internet. Child sexual abuse includes child sexual exploitation. |
| child sexual exploitation | Sexual exploitation of children is a form of child sexual abuse. It involves exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where a child receives something, as a result of them performing, and/or another or others performing on them, sexual activities. Child sexual exploitation can occur through the use of technology. |
| children's home | Any private, public or charitable establishment which provides care and accommodation for children away from home. |

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| criminal justice system | The system which investigates, prosecutes, sentences and monitors individuals who are suspected or convicted of committing a criminal offence. This also encompasses institutions responsible for imprisonment, probation and sentences served in the community. |
| grooming for child sexual abuse | Building a relationship with a child in order to gain their trust for the purposes of sexual abuse or exploitation. |
| institution | Means the same as 'organisation' |
| law enforcement agencies | Statutory agencies with responsibility for policing and intelligence, including police forces, the intelligence services and the National Crime Agency. |
| prosecuting authorities | Public authorities with the power to bring prosecutions, including the Director of Public Prosecutions, Crown Prosecution Service and other public authorities with prosecutorial powers. |
| public authorities | Any person or entity exercising functions of a public nature |
| overseas territories | Territories under the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the UK for which the government has constitutional and legal responsibilities but which are not part of the UK itself. |
| reparation | Making amends for the harm experienced by victims and survivors of child sexual abuse, including the right to an independent and impartial investigation, the right to truth, accountability, compensation, guarantees of non-recurrence, and support services. |
| residential school | A state or independent school providing care, education and boarding accommodation for some or all of its students. |
| safeguarding | Protecting children from maltreatment; Preventing impairment of children's health or development; |

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| | <p>Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and</p> <p>Taking action to enable all children to have the best life chances.</p> |
| children with special educational needs | Children who need additional support for learning. |
| statutory agencies | Institutions set up by law to carry out public activities. |
| secure estate for children and young people | Institutions which detain children and young people, including Secure Training Centres, Secure Children's Homes and Youth Offender Institutions. |