

IICSA Update – March 2018



On Monday 5th March 2018 the Independent Inquiry into Childhood Sexual Abuse (IICSA) will begin its three week hearing into cases of abuse in the Diocese of Chichester. You can read more about this in the Q&As issued by the Church [here](#).

During this period there is likely to be increased media attention on the Church and the possibility that further survivors may disclose abuse. Please listen carefully to anyone who discloses, reassure them and take them seriously. Further guidance on responding well to victims and survivors is available [here](#)

You can report disclosures of abuse to the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser:

Tel: 07342 993 844
Email: StephH@cofebirmingham.com
or via our online [referral form](#)

Or you can contact other members of the safeguarding team for help and support:

Claire Wesley Tel: 0121 426 0432, Email ClaireW@cofebirmingham.com
Sarah Rose Tel: 0121 426 0407, Email safeguardingsupport@cofebirmingham.com

Please get in touch with the safeguarding team if a survivor would like to speak to a Listener.



IICSA also offers a Truth Project for any survivor to disclose childhood sexual abuse suffered in an institutional context. Details are available [here](#)

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