

IICSA has announced today further details into the Peter Ball hearing to be held July 23-27 2018.

This is part of the Inquiry's investigation into the [Anglican Church in England and Wales](#). During the preliminary hearing, counsel to the Inquiry, Fiona Scolding QC outlined preparations for the July hearing including the current status of witness statements and the themes and issues that will be addressed. Ms Scolding also referred to the Church's independent inquiry into the handling of the Ball case by Dame Moira Gibb whose [report was published](#) last summer.

The Bishop of Horsham, Mark Sowerby, the Church of England's deputy lead safeguarding bishop said: "We welcome this update and as with the three week Chichester hearing in March, we will continue to work closely and cooperatively with IICSA. But we are aware that for those survivors and victims who have been brave enough to come forward this will be a very difficult time. We hope as a result of the hearing, further lessons will be learnt that will help and improve safeguarding in the Church."

[Agenda and full transcript](#) of today's of today's hearing.

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