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Latest News

July 2023 - Overwhelming Synod support for ongoing work on redress

June 2023 - Publication of proposed details of the Church of England’s national redress scheme for survivors of Church-related abuse

May 2023 - The anonymous Survivor Consultation has now closed. Thank you to all those who took part. The individual responses will remain anonymous and the Redress team is now working to analyse the results to ensure that the voice of Survivors and Victims is listened to and shapes the Scheme.

Overview

- March 2023 update
- February 2023 update
- Redress Scheme Q&A

Following the Church’s IICSA hearings, the Church’s General Synod committed to a more victim and survivor-centred approach. This included making arrangements to provide redress, which was recommended in the Church’s final IICSA report, published in October 2020 (see Recommendation 7).

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A Victim and Survivor Working Group has been set up and operates at the heart of this process of developing the scheme. The members of this group - seven survivors - work with a project team to provide essential input and advice. The group’s purpose is to ensure that the voices of victims and survivors are heard and given appropriate weight throughout the development of the Scheme.

Governance structures, project management and policy development are being carried out under the direction of a Project Board, whose members include senior officers of the Church’s national institutions, bishops, the Church Commissioners and two survivor representatives of the Working Group who are full members of the board. It is chaired by the Bishop of Truro, Philip Mounstephen.

Timetable

The Redress Scheme will continue to be developed over the course of 2023.

Support
If you are a survivor of Church of England-related abuse and are in need of urgent or immediate support, please take a look at the **Interim Support Scheme**.

If you would like additional support, **you can also contact Safe Spaces**, which is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England.

As an alternative, you can contact **MACSAS**, which supports women and men who have been sexually abused, as children or adults, by ministers, clergy or others under the guise of the Church.

There is also **Survivors Voices**, a survivor-led organisation that runs peer support groups for victim-survivors of all kinds of abuse, including faith-based abuse. It has a newsletter and other special events for survivors of abuse experienced in churches and other faith-based communities.

2023 papers

- **Principles, Priorities and Processes** - *This paper has been put together by the Working Group of survivors and victims of Church-related abuse to communicate our hopes for the Redress Scheme. We have tried to include and represent the voices of other victims and survivors that we have had contact with through the support work and survivor organisations we are connected to.*

2022 updates

- December 2022 Board update
- Letters to *Church Times* from Chair of Redress Board, and Survivor and Victim Working Group (August 2022)
- July 2022 Board update

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