

As stated at General Synod (November 2021), the independent lessons learnt review into the case of Trevor Devamanikkam, commissioned by the National Safeguarding Team, was referred to the Independent Safeguarding Board, ISB, for advice on how to proceed, due to delays in the process.

The Chair, Maggie Atkinson, has now responded and recommended that the review progress to publication as a very necessary part of the Church's learning on safeguarding. She noted that this will take some time to complete given the reviewer will need to refresh her work so far and pick up what now needs to be done.

There is an ongoing invitation to the survivor to contribute and this will remain open throughout the closing phases of the reviewer's work.

The ISB intends to contribute an initial chapter to the review outlining why it has taken as long, the stages and personnel changes it has gone through, and why the report is now being published, noting that the reviewer Jane Humphreys, is an independent expert with no C of E connections.

Review of Trevor Devamanikkam case

Safeguarding consultant Jane Humphreys has been appointed as the independent reviewer into the Church of England's handling of the allegations relating to the late Revd Trevor Devamanikkam.

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