

An interim commissioner of independent reviews has been appointed to ensure the work promised by the former ISB (Independent Safeguarding Board) can continue. Kevin Crompton, a senior safeguarding professional with experience in child and adult safeguarding and scrutiny in local authority setting, will start work this month.

The Archbishops' Council had committed to setting in place arrangements to ensure that the case reviews and complaint responses promised by the former ISB would continue, where those met the terms of reference for the ISB, and as a result of feedback had also offered an independent advocacy service.

Kevin will commission and quality assure the reviews and complaints in line with the former ISB's processes and will oversee the implementation of the recommendations of the [completed Mr X review](#). Survivors with outstanding review requests can choose from a menu of reviewers including charities [NSPCC](#) and [Thirtyone:eight](#) along with Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel (DSAP) Chairs. [FearFree](#) (formerly FearLess) has been engaged to provide advocacy and support for the survivors with completed, active and pending reviews and complaints.

The majority of survivors have had an opportunity to feed into these arrangements but the Archbishops' Council is aware of four individuals who had review requests with the former ISB but whose contact details have not been passed on. The former ISB office staff can be contacted at contact@independent-safeguarding.org for information on how their review will proceed.

Kevin Crompton said: 'I am pleased to have been offered this opportunity to make a contribution to this important piece of work. I am looking forward to working with survivors to ensure they have an independent review of their concerns. I also will do all I can to ensure that recommendations of such reviews are given proper consideration and are implemented within reasonable timeframes.'

Support

If you or anyone you are in contact with are affected by this news and want to talk to someone independently, please call the [Safe Spaces](#) helpline on 0300 303 1056

Notes

[Archbishops' Council statement](#) on ISB June 2023

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