

## **Victims and Survivors' Consultative Panel Collective Statement**

We the undersigned have been appointed today through an open competitive process to the Victims and Survivors' Consultative Panel. The role of this panel is to assist the Independent Inquiry Into Child Sexual Abuse in the delivery of its stated objective:

"To consider the extent to which State and non-State institutions have failed in their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation; to consider the extent to which those failings have since been addressed; to identify further action needed to address any failings identified; to consider the steps which it is necessary for State and non-State institutions to take in order to protect children from such abuse in future; and to publish a report with recommendations."

The terms of reference of the Victims and Survivors' Consultative Panel will be developed and publicly shared when they have been finalised and agreed. We are looking forward to working with the Chair and her panel members to deliver an inquiry that puts victims and survivors' interests at its heart.

The members of the consultative panel have all spent many years supporting adult survivors of child sexual abuse and striving for survivors' voices to be heard, challenging cover ups and institutional failures and working for responses to survivors to be improved. All survivors have the right to justice and respect, these rights should never be diminished or ignored. The members of the consultative panel will work together and be vigilant in its aim to achieve best practice throughout the duration of the Inquiry.

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