



Retrospective look at the DoC case study

Phase 2 Hearings began on **28 November** and started by investigating residential homes run by organisations within the Roman Catholic Church. Former residents of Smyllum Park in Lanark and Bellevue House in Rutherglen, both run by the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul (DoC), gave evidence. The Inquiry also heard evidence from individual sisters from the order, former staff and expert witnesses and finished with Sister Eileen Glancy, the safeguarding representative of the order, and Sister Ellen Flynn, the Provincial of the Congregation in the UK.

The evidence which the Inquiry heard covered the period from approximately 1916 through to Smyllum's closure in 1981. The Inquiry heard evidence over 20 days from 54 witnesses and 21 statements from individuals were read into the transcript. The testimony from all witnesses was extremely helpful. Former residents shared their experiences of Smyllum and Bellevue and how it affected them. There were also those who talked about their time in care being a positive experience.

Lady Smith reassured any Daughters of Charity Applicants who have come forward more recently to have private sessions with the Inquiry Team that their statements will be taken into account when she comes to consider what findings can be made in relation to the case study. These statements, once signed, will be added to the website. She added that at any time, even thereafter, the Inquiry would welcome any Applicants who wish to come forward to tell us about their experiences in institutions for which the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul were responsible.

The Inquiry's witness support team can be contacted:

We urge anyone with relevant information to share to get in touch with us. You can contact the Inquiry's witness support team:

- by phone **0800 0929 300** by email talktous@childabuseinquiry.scot
- by post **SCAI, PO Box 24085, EH7 9EA**
- British Sign Language (BSL) users can contact us direct through an online sign language interpreter at www.contactscotland-bsl.org

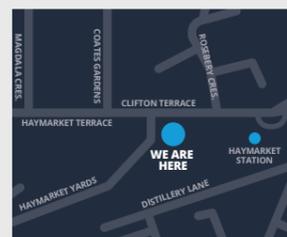
How to find us

The public are welcome to attend hearings. Please be aware that in some situations the Chair may decide to hold hearings in private without the public present.

There is no reserved seating in the public area of the hearings venue. If you want to come, you don't need to let the Inquiry know in advance.

Our hearings venue is at:

3rd Floor,
Rosebery House,
9 Haymarket Terrace,
Edinburgh
EH12 5EZ



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Foreword by Lady Smith

The important work of finding out about the abuse of children in care, hearing the voices of survivors and identifying what makes systems and institutions safe for all children continues here at the Inquiry.

Between the end of last November and the end of January, evidence in relation to our case study into two institutions run by the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul was presented at public hearings. I appreciate how challenging it will have been for all the witnesses who gave oral evidence. It was very helpful to our work that they did so with dignity and co-operated fully with the Inquiry team.

As indicated at the end of the case study, I will be publishing my findings in relation to the Daughters of Charity case study as soon as practicable. Work on the findings is well underway and I hope to be issuing them in early summer.

Our next case study is examining the provision of residential care for children by the Sisters of Nazareth in Aberdeen, Cardonald, Lasswade and Kilmarnock. We began public hearings on 24 April and expect to be able to complete the case study by early July.

I am grateful to all the Applicants who have come forward, attended private sessions and given statements and to those other witnesses who have co-operated with the Inquiry team.

As we prepare for our next case study on Quarriers, Aberlour and Barnardo's, I would encourage anyone with relevant information to continue to come forward to the Inquiry.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute once more to the hard work and dedication of the team here in Rosebery House. I am very grateful to them for their commitment.

UPDATE

Engaging with the Quarriers, Aberlour and Barnardo's case study

Beginning **autumn 2018**, Phase 3 will investigate residential child care establishments run by large scale care providers Quarriers, Aberlour and Barnardo's.

Talk to us

The Inquiry wants to ensure that all available evidence is gathered. If you have information about or experiences of establishments run by Quarriers, Aberlour and Barnardo's please contact our witness support team as soon as possible.

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Quarriers

- Quarriers Village
- Seafield School, Ardrossan (formerly known as Southannan, Fairlie, Largs)
- Overbridge, previously at Drumbreck Road, Glasgow and latterly at St Andrews Drive, Glasgow

Aberlour

- Aberlour Orphanage, Aberlour, Morayshire
- The Dowans, Aberlour, Morayshire
- Aberlour Children's Home, Quarry Hill, Keith
- The Sycamore Cluster, Fife

Barnardo's

- Glasclune, North Berwick
- Balcary, Hawick
- Tyneholme, Pencaitland, East Lothian
- Craigerne, Peebles
- Blackford Road/South Oswald Road, Edinburgh
- Stapleton Towers, Annan, Dumfries
- Winton Drive, Glasgow
- Thorntoun School, Cross House near Kilmarnock
- Cruachan, formerly in the grounds of Ravelrig House, Balerno, Midlothian

UPDATE → Hearings recommence

The Inquiry began hearing evidence again on **24 April** at Rosebery House in Edinburgh and will investigate establishments run by Sisters of Nazareth. The case study is expected to last until early July and will include breaks in the evidence sessions. The Inquiry will sit four days a week, usually from **Tuesday to Friday**.

The Inquiry will examine evidence it has gathered, researched and analysed relating to Sisters of Nazareth with a particular focus on:

- Nazareth House in Aberdeen
- Nazareth House in Cardonald
- Nazareth House in Lasswade
- Nazareth House in Kilmarnock

FAQs

In this newsletter we are focusing on frequently asked questions from anybody who would like to engage with the Inquiry...

Q. Who does the Inquiry want to hear from?

A. Witnesses can be a wide range of people. They can be people who want to tell us about abuse they or a family member experienced while a child in care. It does not matter if the abuse was reported to the police or not. It also does not matter if they have already made an earlier statement to the police, a solicitor, or anyone else.

Other witnesses may want to tell us about positive experiences they had in care. Or they may have seen others being abused. Witnesses may also be people who worked for care providers such as supervisors or managers or social workers.

Q. When should I contact the Inquiry?

A. If you have information to share, the sooner you contact the Inquiry the better. Some witnesses want to give their evidence as soon as possible. Others may want more time to build up gradually to giving their evidence. The sooner you contact us, the more time we will have to plan with you how to take your evidence.

Q. How do I contact the Inquiry?

A. If you feel you have evidence to provide, you should use the contact information detailed in this newsletter. If the Inquiry needs to take your evidence, arrangements will be made to take your evidence in a private session. The Inquiry's Witness Support team can provide more information on the process of taking and using your evidence.

Q. Will witnesses be supported when giving evidence?

A. Yes. The Inquiry has a specially trained Witness Support team who will provide advice and assistance through all stages of the Inquiry. The Inquiry has regular access to the advice of clinical psychologists and other professionals with expertise in trauma.

In later newsletters we will focus on frequently asked questions by **other types of witness**.



Communications Campaign Update

Over the months since the last newsletter was published a communications campaign has continued to encourage people to engage with the Inquiry. This has ranged from a targeted publicity drive in Dumfries and Galloway, as well as the Borders, to a television appeal for child migrants to come forward in New Zealand. Both campaigns supplemented continuing engagement with health boards, councils and other bodies across Scotland, providing them with publicity materials. The Inquiry continues to encourage people with relevant information to come forward, even if they have reported to the police in the past.

In January, Lady Smith made an appeal on TVNZ, the national broadcaster in New Zealand, asking people who were part of a forced migration scheme to engage with the Inquiry. Thousands of children were sent to Australia,

Canada, South Africa and New Zealand between the 1920s and 1970s. The Inquiry's investigations include the abuse of children whose departure from Scotland was part of the child migrant programmes.

A communications campaign has been rolled out across southern Scotland following the announcement of the individual institutions to be investigated as part of the Barnardo's case study. Multiple articles have appeared in local newspapers, and publicity materials have also been provided to the relevant councils and health boards.

The Inquiry team has continued to engage closely with other local newspapers, national titles, as well as the BBC and STV to engage with as many survivors as possible. Publicity materials and information tool kits have also been provided to survivor support groups.



Materials available to stakeholders

The Inquiry has created a series of leaflets and posters, as well as social media graphics, to raise public awareness about what the Inquiry does and ensure that those who may have information they wish to share know how to get in touch with the Inquiry. If your organisation would like to obtain any of the publicity material, please contact 3x1 Group.

Contact 3x1 Group:

- ☎ phone 0131 225 7700 or
- ☎ phone 0141 221 0707
- ✉ email SCAI@3x1.com

