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WEBINAR SERIES

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Child Sexual Abuse: Key messages from research for legal professionals

Presented by Stuart Allardyce, Director Stop It Now! Scotland / Lucy Faithfull Foundation Project Manager ECSA: Eradicating Child Sexual Abuse Project

With recorded sexual crime in the UK at an all-time high, sexual offending constitutes a growing part of day to day court activity. Around 1/2 of recorded sexual crime involves offences where children are sexually harmed. But what does current research and evidence tell us about individuals who have committed these sexual offences, and how do we most effectively respond to those who have perpetrated abuse to ensure that further victims are not harmed.



This webinar will help you:

- Understand nature and scale of problem of child sexual abuse in the UK;
- Recognise different types of sexual offending and demographics of people who sexually abuse;
- Explore causal factors that commonly underpin sexually abusive behaviour;
- Learn what research is currently telling us about effectiveness of interventions with those who have committed sexual offences;
- Consider what this learning means for your practice.

Date: 13 August 2020

Time: 16:00 BST

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PRIVATE PROSECUTIONS: POTENTIAL PITFALLS

Aneurin Brewer will discuss the particular challenges practitioners need to be alive to when advising and conducting private prosecutions including abuse of process, the evidential and disclosure challenges and potential costs implications.



Date: 25 August 2020

Time: 17:00 BST

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COVID-19 PUBLIC INQUIRY – WHAT TO EXPECT AND HOW TO PREPARE

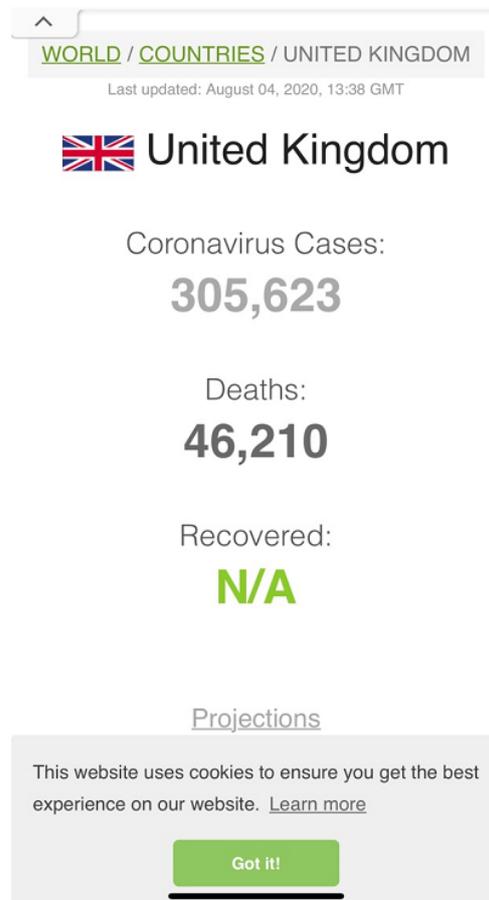
Zacharias Miah and Lennart Poulsen will be discussing how public inquiries work, how to prepare for a public inquiry, who might be involved and what they aim to achieve

On 15 July 2020, Prime Minister Boris Johnson confirmed that an “independent inquiry” will be conducted into the government’s handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and will go ahead “in due course”.

What is not known is what form this inquiry will take, whether it will be public, who will be able to participate and what the scope of its remit will be.

The purpose of a public inquiry is to ensure that lessons are learnt from past mistakes. The government’s lateness in taking decisive and rapid action to stop the spread of the virus early on has likely resulted in far more deaths than would otherwise be the case and it is clear that the government’s preparedness for an emergency of this scale remains inadequate.

Independent public inquiries, such as the one currently taking place in respect of the fire at Grenfell Tower in June 2017 which claimed 72 lives, are widely regarded as a suitable and inclusive method for investigating the causes of major public disasters with a view to understanding what could have been done



better and to ensure that lessons are learnt and victims remembered.

The number of confirmed deaths in the UK attributable to the COVID-19 virus, according to published figures, exceeds 40,000. This is one of the highest figures in the world. Important questions must now be put to the government in respect of its handling of the pandemic following criticism, for example, over delays in taking prompt action to stem the spread of the virus, testing capacity, personal protective equipment, ventilator procurement and the timing and implementation of lockdown.

The government owes it to the bereaved, survivors and relatives as well as to medical professionals and other key workers to commit now to a full and thorough public inquiry into the causes of and, importantly, its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In doing so, it must address the public's widespread concern about its response and answer questions that, to date, remain unanswered.

Date: 27 August 2020

Time 17:30 BST

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ELECTRONIC DISCLOSURE AND ANALYSING THE MATERIAL EFFECTIVELY

Zacharias Miah will discuss “reasonable lines of enquiry” and communications evidence under CPIA 1996. Paddy Lawton, a leading expert in AI, will also discuss analytical methods in preparing a defence case.



This 30 minute review and presentation will discuss:

- i) What are reasonable lines of enquiry,
- ii) What steps can we take to get proper disclosure,
- iii) What kinds of examination can be conducted by an expert

Date: 1 September 2020

Time: 17:00 BST

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SAVE THE DATE:

- ❖ **15 September 2020: presented by Matthew Simpson**
- ❖ **6 October 2020: presented by Peter Glenser QC and Emma Heath**
- ❖ **27 October 2020: presented by Justin Rouse QC and Nutan Fatania**

❖ 8 December 2020: presented by Emma Heath

❖ 12 January 2021: presented by Scott Smith