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October 31, 1926 James Wilson Vincent Savile born in Leeds, the youngest of seven children.

1955 The earliest incident of abuse recorded by the police, which took place in Manchester, where Savile was managing a dance hall.

1960 In one of the handful of example cases given by police, a 10-year-old boy asked Savile for his autograph outside a hotel. Savile allegedly took the boy inside and seriously sexually assaulted him.

January 1, 1964 Savile presented the first ever *Top of the Pops* for the BBC. He had previously become a DJ at Radio Luxembourg in 1958.

1965 The first recorded instances of abuse by Savile took place at the BBC, at Leeds General Infirmary, where Savile was a long-term volunteer porter, and at Stoke Mandeville hospital, where he also volunteered.

1966 The start of what police have identified as Savile's peak period for abuse, which lasted for a decade.

1970 The first recorded abuse at Duncroft girls' school near Staines, Surrey, where Savile was a regular visitor.

1972 In another example offence listed by police, Savile indecently assaulted a 12-year-old boy and his two female friends who were attending a recording of *Top of the Pops*.

1980s At some point in the decade a female victim is believed to have told the Metropolitan police she had been assaulted in Savile's camper van in a BBC car park. The police file cannot be located and the investigating officer is now dead.

August 1988 Savile appointed by Junior Health Minister Edwina Currie as Chair of an interim task force overseeing the management of Broadmoor Hospital, after its board members had been suspended.

1990 Savile was knighted, also receiving a papal knighthood.

April 2000 In a TV documentary presented by Louis Theroux, Savile acknowledged the rumours about him being a paedophile, but denied them.

July 26, 2006 Savile co-presented the final *Top of the Pops*, an occasion that gave rise to one of the allegations made to police.

March 2008 Savile began legal proceedings against a newspaper that linked him to abuse at the Jersey children's home *Haut de la Garenne*.

October 1, 2009 Savile interviewed under caution by Surrey police investigating an alleged indecent assault at Duncroft School. The CPS advised there was insufficient evidence to take any further action. This was the year of the last offence recorded by the current investigation.

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Another example alleged offence, in which Savile sexually assaulted a 43-year- old woman on a train journey between Leeds and London, also dates from this year.

October 29, 2011 Savile found dead in his home in Roundhay, Leeds, aged 84, after a stay in hospital with suspected pneumonia.

A *Newsnight* investigation into Savile's alleged abuse was dropped, and the BBC broadcast a tribute programme to him.

September 30, 2012 It emerges that allegations about Savile would be made in a new ITV documentary on October 3.

October 1, 2012 Surrey police confirms Savile was interviewed in 2007 over allegations dating back to the 1970s but was released without charge.

October 2, 2012 An historic rape allegation made against Savile is referred to Scotland Yard. It is also revealed that Jersey and Surrey police both investigated accusations about alleged abuse in two children's homes, but decided there was not enough evidence to proceed. The BBC says it will make direct contact with police to provide full support over the "disturbing allegations".

Newsnight editor Peter Rippon says the show dropped a story about allegations against Savile because it 'had not established any institutional failure' on behalf of the police or Crown Prosecution Service. Mr. Rippon writes on a BBC blog that it was 'totally untrue' he came under any pressure to drop the story.

October 3, 2012 Sussex police confirms that in 2008 a woman reported she had been indecently assaulted by Savile in Worthing, West Sussex, in 1970, but did not want to co-operate with any inquiry or prosecution.

Exposure: The Other Side of Jimmy Savile is shown on ITV1. In it, five women claim he indecently assaulted them when they were schoolgirls in the late 1960s and 1970s.

October 4, 2012 Operation Yewtree, the police investigation into offences by Savile and others launched. Police initially based their investigations on the assumption he had abused up to 25 victims. By January 2013 around 450 had come forward.

October 7, 2012 Prime Minister David Cameron calls for the 'truly shocking' allegations to be fully investigated.

October 9, 2012 Comedian Freddie Starr denies any wrongdoing in relation to claims he indecently assaulted a teenager following the recording of one of Savile's shows.

Scotland Yard reveals they are looking at 120 lines of inquiry and as many as 25 victims. Commander Peter Spindler says allegations span four decades and abuse was on a 'national scale'. He says the inquiry, Operation Yewtree, will only become a criminal investigation if there is evidence against living individuals.

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October 11, 2012 Allegations emerge that Savile abused children at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Buckinghamshire and Leeds General Hospital.

October 12, 2012 BBC Director General George Entwistle offers a 'profound and heartfelt apology' to alleged victims as he announces two inquiries - one into potential failings over the handling of the abandoned *Newsnight* investigation, and a second into the 'culture and practices of the BBC during the years Savile worked here'.

October 13, 2012 The Department of Health says it will carry out an investigation into how Savile was appointed to lead a 'taskforce' at Broadmoor in 1988.

Police say Savile's alleged catalogue of abuse could have spanned six decades and included around 60 victims.

October 16, 2012 Dame Janet Smith, the former high court judge who conducted the inquiry into serial killer Harold Shipman, is to lead the BBC's inquiry into the Jimmy Savile child abuse scandal.

The terms of reference of the inquiry are to:

1. Receive evidence from those people who allege inappropriate sexual conduct by Jimmy Savile in connection with his work with the BBC, and from others who claim to have raised concerns about Jimmy Savile's activities (whether formally or informally) within the BBC;
2. Investigate the extent to which BBC personnel were or ought to have been aware of inappropriate sexual conduct by Jimmy Savile in connection with his work with the BBC, and consider whether the culture and practices within the BBC during the years of Jimmy Savile's employment enabled inappropriate sexual conduct to continue unchecked;
3. In the light of findings of fact in respect of the above, identify the lessons to be learned from the evidence uncovered by the Review.
4. (added subsequently) As necessary, take account of the findings of Dame Linda Dobbs in her investigation into the activities of Stuart Hall.

October 19, 2012 A leaked internal email casts doubt on the BBC's stated reason for cancelling a *Newsnight* investigation into sexual abuse by Savile.

Scotland Yard announces that Operation Yewtree, the inquiry into alleged child abuse by Savile, is now a formal criminal investigation involving other living people.

October 22, 2012 The BBC announces that *Newsnight* editor Peter Rippon has stepped aside 'with immediate effect'. The corporation says his explanation as to why the show dropped its investigation was 'inaccurate or incomplete in some respects'.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) says Surrey police passed a file to them in 2009 based on a complaint made by 'a woman who said she had witnessed an indecent assault by Jimmy Savile in the 1970s'.

The force found evidence of 'three further potential offences' by Savile but evidence showed none of the alleged victims would support a prosecution.

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October 24, 2012 Prime Minister David Cameron tells MPs that the Director of Public Prosecutions is to review documents from police investigations into Savile.

October 25, 2012 Scotland Yard says it is investigating in excess of 400 lines of inquiry involving 300 victims, of whom all except two are women. Commander Peter Spindler says Savile is one of the most prolific sex offenders in recent history and the inquiry into his abuse will be a 'watershed' investigation into sex crime.

October 26, 2012 It emerges that seven alleged victims of Savile made complaints to four separate police forces - Surrey, London, Sussex and Jersey – whilst he was alive, but it was decided no further action should be taken.

October 28, 2012 Former pop star Gary Glitter is arrested by officers from Operation Yewtree. He is bailed until mid-December.

November 1, 2012 Comedian Freddie Starr is arrested in connection with the Savile abuse investigation. He is released on bail.

November 2, 2012 Freddie Starr returns for further questioning and is later bailed again.

November 2, 2012 *Newsnight* broadcast a report into child sexual abuse in North Wales care homes in the 1970s. In the report it was claimed that 'a leading Conservative politician from the Thatcher years' had abused two victims. The alleged perpetrator was not identified. By the time of the broadcast, there had been 12 hours of speculation online regarding the identity of the alleged perpetrator. It subsequently emerged that the alleged perpetrator was Lord McAlpine. It was later unanimously accepted that this was a case of mistaken identity.

November 6, 2012 Home Secretary Teresa May announces that she has commissioned Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) to review the actions of all UK police forces that have received allegations in relation to Jimmy Savile, examine whether these allegations were investigated properly, and identify wider lessons from the response of the police forces involved.

Also that Keith Bristow, the Director General of the National Crime Agency, has been asked to assess new allegations received about abuse in North Wales children's homes, to review the historical police investigations and investigate any fresh allegations reported to the police into alleged historic abuse in north Wales care homes. This follows the 2000 Waterhouse Enquiry. His initial report reviewing the historic investigations and any fresh allegations to be available by April 2013.

November 7, 2012 Announcement that the government of Jersey proposes to establish an Independent inquiry to examine claims of child abuse over several decades on Jersey. It is proposed that the inquiry will question victims and staff members as well as reviewing how the government dealt with concerns about abuse, and whether allegations were dealt with impartially and free from political interference.

November 8, 2012 Savile's former chauffeur and flatmate, Ray Teret, is one of two men arrested by Greater Manchester police on suspicion of a historic rape but police say it is not

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linked to the inquiry into the former BBC star.

November 9, 2012 Mr. Teret is released on bail.

November 11, 2012 Former BBC producer Wilfred De'ath is arrested at an address in Cambridge. He insists he was the victim of mistaken identity.

BBC Director General George Entwistle resigns after an 'unacceptable' *Newsnight* broadcast into child abuse in North Wales wrongly implicates a former senior Conservative politician.

November 12, 2012 The BBC releases a summary of the report findings of Ken MacQuarrie, Director, BBC Scotland regarding *Newsnight's* 2nd November broadcast on child abuse allegations in Wales and the actions being taken by the BBC. The full report was withheld pending disciplinary proceedings and published as an appendix to the BBC Trust investigation report issued on 19 December 2012.

November 15, 2012 Former Radio 1 DJ Dave Lee Travis is arrested on suspicion of sexual offences. Police say the allegations do not directly involve Savile, and are classed under the strand of their investigation termed 'others'.

November 16, 2012 Mr. Travis denies any wrongdoing, saying: 'This is nothing to do with kids'.

November 2, 2012 Metropolitan Police Commissioner Bernard Hogan-Howe reveals Operation Yewtree, the police investigation into the Savile abuse scandal, has cost around £2 million so far.

November 29, 2012 Rolf Harris arrested and questioned by detectives investigating the Savile abuse scandal after attending police premises in south London by appointment. Scotland Yard says he is being treated as part of the investigation that does not directly relate to Savile.

December 5, 2012 Veteran broadcaster Stuart Hall is arrested at his Cheshire home on suspicion of sexual offences and taken to a Lancashire police station where he was charged with three counts of indecent assault on girls aged between eight and 17 between 1974 and 1984.

December 6, 2012 Publicist Max Clifford is arrested at his Surrey home on suspicion of sexual offences and taken to Belgravia police station in central London for questioning. Speaking outside the police station later on, he protests his innocence, saying: 'These allegations are damaging and totally untrue'.

December 10, 2012 A man in his 60s, from London, is arrested on suspicion of sexual offences and taken to a south London police station. Scotland Yard says he falls under the strand of the investigation termed 'others'. He is later bailed until January.

December 12, 2012 Scotland Yard say 31 rape allegations have been made against Savile - out of a total of 450 complaints. The force also report 589 people have come forward with information relating to the investigation.

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December 18, 2012 Publication of an independent review into the management by the BBC of a *Newsnight* investigation relating to allegations of sexual abuse of children by Jimmy Savile, the Pollard Review.

December 19, 2012 Former BBC radio producer Ted Beston, 76, is arrested in London on suspicion of sexual offences and vehemently denies the allegations the following day.

December 19, 2012 Publication of BBC Trust editorial standards committee investigation report into the *Newsnight* broadcast on 2nd November.

January 2, 2013 Former TV presenter Jim Davidson is arrested but 'vigorously denies' allegations of sexual offences made against him by two women. A 53- year-old man is also arrested. Police say the allegations are not directly related to Savile and both men are bailed until March.

January 11, 2013 Publication of three reports:

- *Giving Victims a Voice*, the Metropolitan Police and NSPCC joint report into sexual allegations made against Jimmy Savile;
- *The Levitt Report*, commissioned by the Director of Public Prosecutions from DPP Principal Legal Advisor, Alison Levitt QC, to examine the decisions taken by the CPS in relation to the four allegations made in 2007 and 2008 accompanied by a statement from Keir Starmer, Director of Public Prosecutions; and
- Surrey Police report into *Operation Ornament*, reviewing their own actions following allegations in 2007.

February 7, 2013 Stuart Hall appears at Preston Crown Court denies the allegations of sexual abuse and described them as "pernicious, callous, cruel and above all spurious" and questioned why they had taken so long to surface.

February 22, 2013 Publication of transcripts of interviews, with some redactions for legal reasons, undertaken as part of the BBC Pollard Review.

March 12, 2013 Publication of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Police (HMIC) review into allegations and intelligence material concerning Jimmy Savile between 1964 and 2012, forthrightly titled *Mistakes Were Made*.

April 24, 2013 Comedian Freddie Starr re-arrested in connection with an allegation of sexual assault on a 14-year-old girl in 1974. He is released on bail.

April 26, 2013 Publicist Max Clifford charged with 6 offences of indecent assault relating to 3 girls aged 14 -16 or 17 in 1966 -1982; and 5 offences of indecent assault relating to 4 women, aged 18-19 in 1974-1985

April 26, 2013 Comedian Jimmy Tarbuck arrested by North Yorkshire Police based on information passed to them by the Metropolitan Police. This relates to six allegations of child sex abuse dating back to the 1970s made by six separate individuals.

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May 2, 2013 Stuart Hall pleads guilty to 14 charges of indecently assaulting girls, involving 13 victims, which occurred between 1967 and 1985.

May 2, 2013 Publication of *Respect at Work* by Dinah Rose QC, report into BBC policies and processes relating to sexual harassment. Report finds evidence of inappropriate behaviour and bullying.

May 6, 2013 The BBC announce that the investigation for the BBC into broadcaster Stuart Hall's conduct at the corporation will not be conducted by Dame Janet Smith as previously expected in light of a potential conflict of interest. There will be a freestanding investigation, led by a different individual appointed by the BBC, covering Stuart Hall's conduct at the BBC that will feed into the Smith review.

It is understood that she advised the BBC that she knows Ray Colley, a BBC regional manager who worked with Hall in Manchester. Dame Janet Smith's husband was formerly married to a woman who is now Mr. Colley's wife.

May 10, 2013 Publication of *Operation Newgreen*, a report of Detective Chief Superintendent Knopwood's review of West Yorkshire Police's contact and relationship with Jimmy Savile.

June 4, 2013 Retired High Court Judge Dame Linda Dobbs named as the person leading an investigation for the BBC into broadcaster Stuart Hall's conduct at the corporation. The enquiry's findings will feed into Dame Janet Smith's Review into BBC culture and practices following the Jimmy Savile scandal.

The review will:

1. Receive evidence from people against whom Hall has admitted inappropriate sexual conduct in connection with his work for the BBC.
2. Receive evidence from other people who allege inappropriate sexual conduct by Hall in connection with his work for the BBC, and from others who claim to have raised concerns about his activities (whether formally or informally) within the BBC.
3. Investigate the extent to which BBC personnel were or ought to have been aware of inappropriate sexual conduct by Hall in connection with his work for the BBC.
4. Consider whether the culture and practices within the BBC locations where Hall worked during the years of his employment enabled inappropriate sexual conduct to continue unchecked.

June 17, 2013 Stuart Hall sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment at Preston Crown Court.

July 26, 2013 Following appeal by the Attorney General, Stuart Hall's sentence doubled to 30 months' imprisonment. His statement on February 7th that the allegations were "pernicious, callous, cruel and above all spurious" is cited as an exacerbating factor.

August 15, 2013 BBC DJ Dave Lee Travis, now 68 years old charged with 10 counts of indecent assault of 8 adult women aged between 18-29 between 1977-2007 and 2 counts of sexual assault of a 15 year old girl in 1977.

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August 21, 2013 CPS advise that having considered 10 allegations against Jim Davidson there was "insufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction in relation to all complaints".

August 29, 2013 Entertainer and TV Celebrity Rolf Harris is charged with 6 offences of indecent assault of a girl aged between 15 and 16 years from 1980 to 1981; 3 offences of indecent assault relating to a girl aged 14 in 1986 and 4 offences of making indecent images of a child between March and July 2012.

October 1, 2013 BBC DJ Dave Lee Travis charged with a further two counts of indecent assault in addition to 12 charges he already faces. He is now also accused of assaulting a woman aged over 16 between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1993.

October 15, 2013 In a written statement to Parliament, Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt said he had asked the Metropolitan Police to review "further relevant information" about Savile that they had uncovered by to see whether any of the information "related to health and care settings" in which case inquiries could be extended to more hospitals he said. He added: " We understand the material includes information about hospitals where investigations are already under way and reference to other hospitals" which would be named in due course. The 13 current investigations were said to be on schedule but the discovery of new information meant the final reports would be delayed, with final reports now expected in June 2014.

October 15, 2013 As the result of a Freedom of Information request to Surrey Police the full transcript of a police interview with Savile in October 2009 is published. An excerpt of this transcript was included in the Levitt Report (see NOTA News Issue 70 July/August 2013).

October 16, 2013 The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) announce that they are to investigate the conduct of a retired West Yorkshire Police Inspector who contacted Surrey Police on Savile's behalf prior to the interview in October 2009 (see the summary of the Knopwood Report in NOTA News Issue 71 November/December 2013).

The IPCC also said that it hoped to announce decisions shortly in relation to a further referral of possible conduct matters from West Yorkshire Police, and in relation to information supplied by West Yorkshire, Metropolitan Police Service, Surrey, Sussex, GMP, Lancashire, Thames Valley, North Yorkshire and Cheshire police forces.

October 17, 2013 Ex-BBC broadcaster Stuart Hall, 83, currently serving a 30 month jail sentence for sexual offences further charged with 15 rapes and one count of indecent assault involving two girls aged between 11 and 16 years between 1976 and 1981.

October 23, 2013 Ray Teret, 72, Jimmy Savile's former flatmate and chauffeur for three years in the 1960s charged with 32 sexual assaults against 15 girls in Manchester between 1962 and 1996. The alleged offences are 15 counts of rape, two of conspiracy to rape, one of attempted rape, nine of indecent assault and one of gross indecency all against children aged under 16. He is also charged with one count of rape not relating to an under-16 and three counts of possessing illegal materials - one of extreme pornography, one of prohibited images and one of indecent images of a child. Police stressed the accusations are not related to Savile's crimes.

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October 29, 2013 BBC broadcaster Paul Gambaccini arrested on suspicion of historical sexual offences as part of Operation Yewtree. A spokesman for Mr Gambaccini said he denied the allegations.

A 16th person, aged 74, not named, was also arrested at a separate address and bailed until January.

October 29, 2013 David Smith, 67, the first person to be charged under Operation Yewtree, was found dead on the scheduled first day of his trial for two counts of indecent assault, two of indecency and one of a serious sexual offence against a 12-year-old boy in 1984. Smith had been described in court as a former BBC driver, although the BBC said they not found any record of him being employed by, or working for, the BBC. Smith had 22 convictions for sexual offences against young boys dating from 1966. There is no suggestion of a link between Smith and Savile. (On 1st April 2014 an inquest at inquest at Southwark Coroner's Court found that he took his own life, by ingesting a combination of opiates, morphine and codeine).

October 31, 2013 (*This case does not relate to Operation Yewtree, but as it involves an ex-BBC presenter is included here for information*). Ex-BBC Norfolk and former Radio Clyde broadcaster Michael Souter sentenced to 22 years imprisonment for sexual offences against seven 11-16 year old boys between 1979 and 1999 and of making and possessing indecent images of children, a total of 26 offences in all. Souter, was also involved in the Scouts and a social services youth mentoring scheme, and was described in court as "something of a local celebrity".

November 7, 2013 The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) announce that they are to investigate the conduct of the two Surrey Police officers who conducted the interview with Savile in October 2009 (see the summary of the Knopwood Report in NOTA News Issue 71 November/December 2013).

The IPCC also indicated that they has requested further information from West Yorkshire Police, Surrey Police and the Metropolitan Police Service, following which decisions will be taken as to whether IPCC investigations are required. Thames Valley, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, North Yorkshire and Lancashire Police have been advised that the IPCC does not intend to take further steps in regard to any of their officers at this time.

November 29, 2013 Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt announced inquiries into contact by Jimmy Savile with a further 19 hospitals after information emerged about potential victims in those settings, bringing the total number of hospitals under investigation to 32.

Inquiries into Savile's alleged abuse of patients at NHS hospitals had originally focused on Broadmoor and Stoke Mandeville and Leeds General Infirmary, with a further 10 trusts added in January 2013. Final reports are still expected by June 2014, with publication "sooner if that is possible".

The new hospitals to be investigated are:

- Barnet General Hospital;
- Booth Hall Children's Hospital, Manchester;
- De La Pole Hospital, Hull;

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- Dryburn Hospital, Durham;
- Hammersmith Hospital, London;
- Leavesden Secure Mental Hospital, Hertfordshire;
- Marsden Hospital, London;
- Maudsley Hospital, London;
- North Manchester General Hospital;
- Odstock Hospital, Salisbury;
- Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield;
- Prestwich Psychiatric Hospital, Manchester;
- Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead;
- Royal Free Hospital, London;
- Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle;
- Seacroft Hospital, Leeds;
- St Mary's Hospital, Carshalton; Whitby Memorial Hospital;
- Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester

December 17, 2013 Michael Salmon, a 78-year-old doctor who worked at Stoke Mandeville Hospital where Savile is believed to have committed offences, appeared at Aylesbury Magistrates' Court charged with sexually assaulting four girls under the age of 16 between 1972 and 1985, including one count of rape.

December 23, 2013 Rolf Harris charged with three further counts sexual assault against three females who were aged 19 in 1984, aged seven or eight in 1968 or 1969, and aged 14 in 1975. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said the allegations related to one existing complainant and two new ones. The count relating to the 19-year-old involves the same alleged victim as six of the earlier counts.

The CPS said that the allegations were included in the file sent to the CPS by the Metropolitan Police in August 2013 and as part of the on-going review process for all cases, it had been decided that these allegations should be formally added to the indictment as further counts.

January 21, 2014 The independent inquiry by former Court of Appeal Judge Dame Janet Smith into BBC culture and practices during the 41-year period in which Savile abused at the Corporation, and issues relating to Stuart Hall's career with the BBC, announces that publication of its findings, due in January, will be delayed until mid-2014. It is understood that the inquiry has been in contact with 720 people and interviewed 140 witnesses.

Lancashire Police and the CPS made the request to wait until criminal proceedings against ex-BBC presenter Stuart Hall has concluded to avoid prejudicing the trial.

February 12, 2014 Comedian Freddie Starr is arrested for the fourth time in relation to historical sex abuse allegations. His lawyers indicate that they intend to apply for judicial review into the conduct of the police and CPS.

February 13, 2014 BBC DJ Dave Lee Travis acquitted of 12 charges and bailed whilst consideration is given to a retrial in relation to 2 other charges on which no verdict was reached.

February 24, 2014 BBC DJ Dave Lee Travis to face a retrial in relation to 2 charges on which no verdict was reached. The outstanding charges relate to an allegation of indecent assault against a woman in the early 1990s and an alleged sexual assault on a female journalist in 2008.

February 24, 2014 Publication of '*Would they actually have believed me?* A focus group exploration of the underreporting of crimes by Jimmy Savile', a report commissioned by HMIC and conducted and published by the NSPCC. The report is based on 5 focus groups with a total of 26 people who had made allegations to the police about Savile, 4 of whom were adults when they were assaulted.

March 24, 2014 Comedian Jimmy Tarbuck released without charge after his arrest over six allegations of child sex abuse dating back to the 1970s as the CPS had determined there was insufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction in relation to the complaints.

March 27, 2014 Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove advises the House of Commons by written statement of inquiries to be undertaken in relation to 21 further children's homes and schools in England, relating to possible offences in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

The wording of the statement "This information was uncovered as part of the document review process undertaken by the Metropolitan Police Service on behalf of the Department of Health" implies that it relates to allegations made at the time, an issue which will presumably become clearer once the reports are produced.

Explicitly following the model used by the DoH, individual agencies or local authorities will undertake their own reviews and the DfE has appointed mental health and human rights lawyer Lucy Scott-Moncrieff to provide independent oversight and quality assurance of the process, undertaking a similar role to that of Kate Lampard in the NHS trust investigations. Her role will be to ensure that investigating organisations take all practicable steps to establish what happened and why at the time of the incidents and any lessons there might be to inform current safeguarding practice in schools and children's homes.

The new organisations where investigations are to be undertaken are :

- Unnamed Children's Homes in Bournemouth, Islington, Manchester;
- Unnamed Barnardo's home in Redbridge;
- Colleton Lodge, Devon;
- The Ride Children's Home, Hounslow;
- Parklands Children's Home, Gloucestershire;
- Sevenoaks School, Kent;
- Northways Residential School, Leeds;
- Beechcroft Children's Home, Leeds;
- Henshaw School for the Blind, Leeds;
- Notre Dame Grammar School, Leeds;
- Hollies Care Home, Southwark;
- St. Leonards Children's Home, Tower Hamlets;
- Sarah Laski Home, Manchester;

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- Broome House Children's Home, Manchester;
 - Aspley Wood School Nottingham;
 - Bassetlaw School, Nottinghamshire;
 - National Children's Home (now Action for Children), Penhurst, Oxfordshire; Beach Holme Children's Home, Surrey;
 - Broomfield Children's Home, Surrey.
- No timescale is given for completion, nor any mention of made of publication of these reports.

April 1, 2014 An inquest at Southwark Coroner's Court found that David Smith, 67, the first person to be charged under Operation Yewtree, took his own life by ingesting a combination of opiates, morphine and codeine. Smith, who had 22 convictions for sexual offences against young boys dating from 1966, was found dead on the scheduled first day of his trial for two counts of indecent assault, two of indecency and one of a serious sexual offence against a 12-year-old boy in 1984.

April 8, 2014 An unnamed 73-year-old man (subsequently identified as ex-BBC DJ Chris Denning – see entry for May 22nd 2104) was arrested in North London on suspicion of sexual offences. The arrest takes the total number of people arrested under Operation Yewtree to 17, of which 7 have been told they will face no further action. Another 5 remain on police bail, including former pop star Gary Glitter, comedian Freddie Starr and broadcaster Paul Gambaccini. All deny any wrongdoing.

April 16, 2014 BBC DJ Dave Lee Travis charged with an additional offence of indecent assault of a woman, who was over the age of 16, in January 1995. This charge is in addition to a pending retrial of 2 other charges on which no verdict was reached during a trial in February 2014.

April 28, 2014 Max Clifford found guilty of eight counts of indecent assault against 7 girls or young women between 1977 & 1984 by a jury at Southwark Crown Court. He was cleared of two charges of indecent assault, and the jury failed to reach a verdict on a further count of indecent assault.

May 2, 2014, Max Clifford sentenced to a total of eight years imprisonment for indecent assault. The Judge ordered that he should serve at least half the sentence in custody, adding that he was sure Clifford had also assaulted a 12- year-old girl in Spain, although this charge could not be pursued in the British courts because of the legislation in force at the time of the alleged offence.

The Judge added that if some of the offences for which he was convicted had been committed after the change in legislation in 2003, several of the offences would have been tried as rape or assault by penetration (digital & oral), and be subject to a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

When passing sentence, the Judge cited an aggravating factor similar to that apparent in the sentencing of Stuart Hall in June 2013, where his negative characterisation of his accusers prior to the trial was cited by the Judge in Hall's case as a factor in determining sentence. In Clifford's case the Judge stated that one victim in particular had been extremely upset by his public denials before trial and his attitude during trial, including laughing and shaking his head in the dock during evidence. The Judge also stated that he had discovered that Clifford had appeared behind a reporter outside the court who was reporting the evidence and mimicked Marcus Erooga, 1 June, 2017

him in a way that “was designed to trivialise these events”. This was taken to be a further indication that Clifford showed no remorse and was taken into account in determining his sentence.

May 6, 2014 The Crown Prosecution Service announces that entertainer Freddie Starr will not be prosecuted over sexual offence allegations because of insufficient evidence. This was on the basis that although there was a realistic prospect of conviction in one case, it was not in the public interest to prosecute, as even were it to result in a conviction it would be unlikely to lead to a custodial sentence.

May 6, 2014 Former BBC broadcaster Stuart Hall pleads guilty to one charge of indecently assaulting a girl aged at least 13 but under the age of 16 between 26 January 1978 and 1 January 1979.

Hall faces trial at Preston Crown Court on 20 other charges of rape and indecent assault against two girls on various occasions between January 1976 and January 1981. The guilty plea relates to one of these girls.

May 16, 2014 Stuart Hall, found guilty of one count of indecent assault but not guilty of 15 charges of rape and four counts of indecent assault. He was accused of abusing the girls from the age of 12 between 1976 and 1981. Hall asserted that the sex was consensual, apart from one occasion that “never happened”.

Under the legislation in force at the time (The Sexual Offences Act, 1956) Hall could not be charged in relation to consensual unlawful sex with a girl aged under 16 as there was a 12 months limit following the event to bring a charge and this had now expired. However, the 12 month time limit did not apply to charges of rape or indecent assault, as in this case. At the beginning of the trial Hall admitted indecently assaulting one woman when she was aged 13. The jury reached a majority decision that he was guilty of a separate indecent assault against the same woman.

May 22, 2014 Former BBC Radio 1 DJ Chris Denning charged with 41 sexual offences dating from 1967 to 1985, related to 22 boys aged between nine and sixteen. Denning, the fifth person to be prosecuted as part of Operation Yewtree¹, has previous convictions for child sexual offences dating back to 1974, and has been convicted on 7 other occasions since.

May 23, 2014 Stuart Hall sentenced to an additional 30 months’ imprisonment for two offences. One was indecent assault (digital penetration) of a girl not older than 13 years. The girl was a friend of the family and part of the assault took place during a dinner party at her parents’ house whilst she was drunk and asleep or unconscious. Hall had also indecently assaulted another girl on the same occasion and had been sentenced for that at his previous trial.

The second offence was an indecent assault (oral sex) of the same girl when she was aged between 13 and 16 years. Hall was also having intercourse with this girl, but for the legal reasons outlined above could not be charged with those offences.

¹ The other four are Max Clifford, Stuart Hall, Dave Lee Travis and Rolf Harris

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The Judge indicated that sentencing options were limited by the legislation in force at the time of the offences, but that were he sentencing under current legislation the terms of imprisonment would likely have been in the order of 8 years or more. Once again a cited aggravating factor was the nature of his initial denial - as the Judge expressed it *"The lack of candour and remorse evidenced in your prepared statement to the police in which you expressed confected surprise at all the allegations made against you when you knew full well, in the case of this victim, that you had sexually molested her."*

The sentence he received is the same as that determined appropriate by the Court of Appeal in July 2013 in relation to his previous conviction for sexual offences. His earliest possible date of release therefore becomes December 2015.

May 23, 2014 The publication of the independent inquiry by former Court of Appeal Judge Dame Janet Smith into BBC culture and practices during the period of Savile and Hall's abuse, delayed from January 2014 until after the Stuart Hall trial is delayed again. Smith acknowledged that publication could affect the fairness of the forthcoming Dave Lee Travis trial and the publication would not therefore take place until that has been concluded.

May 30, 2014 Max Clifford lodges appeal against his eight year sentence imposed on May 2nd, 2014 for eight counts of indecent assault against 7 girls or young women.

June 2, 2014 NSPCC announces says it has received 50 more reports of abuse by Savile since the publication of its joint report with the Metropolitan Police in January 2013. However, as well as reports from victims themselves this figure includes people who knew victims of abuse and people reporting information considered useful to the ongoing investigations.

June 22, 2014 Stoke Mandeville hospital announce that following the emergence of new information the report on abuse by Savile related to the hospital due to be published imminently is to be delayed until the autumn of this year, in order to gather new evidence and enable investigators to question further witnesses.

June 25, 2014 Paul Gadd, now 70 years old and better known as pop star Gary Glitter, appeared at Southwark Crown Court.

He is accused of four counts of indecent assault against one alleged victim aged 12 or 13 at the time in 1977; one count of administering a drug, "namely alcohol", with the intention to "stupefy or overpower" the same girl to enable him to have sex with her between January and May 1977 and one charge of unlawful intercourse with the same girl when she was aged under 13, between the same dates.

Mr. Gadd, who was released on bail, is also charged with two counts of indecent assault against a second victim, aged 13 or 14 at the time, between October 1979 and December 1980.

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June 26, 2014 Jeremy Hunt, UK Secretary of State for Health apologises in the House of Commons to the patients of the National Health Service abused by Savile.

Publication of a series of reports of inquiries into sexual abuse and inappropriate treatment by Jimmy Savile in 27 NHS hospitals and 1 hospice. The DoH had also asked Kate Lampard QC, former deputy chair of the Financial Ombudsman Service, to oversee and assure the quality of reports from 33 health institutions where inquiries were or are being undertaken. Her quality assurance report was also published.

The reports were:

- **Ashworth Hospital**, Liverpool - Three alleged incidents and a fourth allegation of periodic abuse between 1971 and 1985;
- **Barnet General Hospital**, Hertfordshire - One alleged incident of Savile having sex with a corpse in 1985;
- **Booth Hall Children's Hospital**, Manchester - Two alleged incidents of abuse dating from the 1950s and 1970s;
- **Broadmoor Psychiatric Hospital** - 11 allegations of sexual abuse, six of them involving patients. Two were staff and three were children. The report said the number of cases of abuse it found was likely to be an underestimate;
- **Cardiff Royal Infirmary** - One allegation involving a patient in their early 20s that occurred between 1963 and 1965;
- **De La Pole Hospital**, East Yorkshire - One alleged incident of sexual assault involving a 14 to 16-year-old female patient in 1969-70;
- **Dewsbury and District Hospital (including Pinderfields Hospital)**, West Yorkshire - Two allegations against Savile more than 30 years apart, one involving an alleged indecent assault, the other a lewd comment;
- **Dryburn Hospital**, Durham - A woman working at the Hospital is said to have alleged that young girls and boys were lured to hotels on behalf of Savile;
- **Exeter Hospital** - One alleged incident of rape of a 25-year-old woman in 1970;
- **Great Ormond Street Hospital**, London - Former patient claimed Savile sexually abused an in-patient in 1971;
- **Hammersmith Hospital** in London - Two alleged incidents involving Savile and a friend of his making inappropriate comments to a 13-year-old girl;
- **High Royds Psychiatric Hospital**, West Yorkshire - Two alleged incidents of abuse at a hospital fun gala in 1988; the alleged victims were a 44-year-old patient and a 20-year-old member of staff;
- **Leavesden Secure Mental Health Hospital**, Hertfordshire - An allegation Savile may have visited the hospital in the 1970s, but this could not be upheld;
- **Leeds General Infirmary** - Sixty people came forward to say they had been abused between 1962 and 2009. They were aged between five and 75. Thirty-three of the 60 were patients and 19 were children. It is also alleged he posed for photographs and performed sex acts on corpses in the Leeds hospital mortuary;
- **Marsden Hospital**, London - One allegation that Savile may have been involved in an incident at the Royal Marsden in the mid-1980s, but no

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evidence was found for this;

- **Maudsley Hospital**, London - A further allegation that Savile may have visited the Maudsley hospital in 1964-5, but no evidence was found for this;
- **Odstock Hospital**, Salisbury - Savile is believed to have visited the hospital in the late 1980s but no allegations have been made;
- **Portsmouth Royal Hospital** - One alleged incident of abuse while a patient was unconscious in 1968;
- **Prestwich Psychiatric Hospital**, Manchester - One allegation that a member of the public was brought onto the hospital site and sexually abused by Savile in or around 1960;
- **Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton**, Surrey - A claim that Savile and three associates were denied access to a hospital ward by a nurse in the 1970s;
- **Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead**, Sussex - One allegation of a female patient in her 20s being groped in 1954;
- **Royal Victoria Infirmary**, Newcastle - It is believed Savile visited the hospital in 1987 and 1991 but no allegations of abuse;
- **Saxondale Mental Health Hospital**, Nottinghamshire - One alleged incident in 1971-2 at a hospital disco hosted by Savile, the alleged victim was a local resident not a patient;
- **St Catherine's Hospital**, Birkenhead - One alleged incident involving a 14-year-old patient in 1964;
- **Wheatfield's Hospice**, West Yorkshire run by the Sue Ryder charity, - one alleged incident in 1978 involving inappropriate touching of a 16-year-old;
- **Whitby Memorial Hospital**, North Yorkshire - One alleged incident of Savile inappropriately touching a female member of staff between 1964 and 1968;
- **Woodhouse Eaves Children's Convalescent Homes**, Leicestershire - One allegation of Savile sexually abusing a child in the late 1950s-early 1960s;
- **Wythenshawe Hospital**, Manchester - A patient raised concern about Savile's behaviour outside the hospital in 1962-63.

Investigations at two hospitals, the **Royal Free Hospital, London** and **Pennine Acute NHS Hospitals Trust**, found nothing to report.

Reports concerning three hospitals, **Stoke Mandeville, Rampton and Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust** have been delayed and there are new investigations at Springfield Hospital and Crawley Hospital.

June 30, 2014 83-year-old entertainer Rolf Harris convicted after trial of all 12 charges of Indecent Assault for which he was prosecuted.

They relate to 6 counts of indecent assault of a childhood friend of his daughter between the ages of 13 and 19 (he admitted a sexual relationship with the woman, but said it began after she turned 18); inappropriately touching a seven or eight year old girl whilst he was signing autographs in the late 1960s; groping a 13 or 14 year old waitress's bottom at a charity event in the 1970s; 3 counts of indecent assault of a 15 year old girl on one day while she was on a theatre group trip.

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Complaints from 7 other women were not prosecuted as they were overseas and outside UK jurisdiction at the times of the alleged offences. After the convictions Police indicated that they were investigating further complaints.

July 4, 2014 Rolf Harris sentenced to five years and nine months imprisonment. It was also disclosed that the 4 offences of making indecent images of a child between March and July 2012, which he was charged with in August 2013 not proceeded with. Websites he used included "'My Little Nieces" and "Tiny Teen Girlfriends".

July 7, 2015 In the most far reaching development to date in post-Savile events Home Secretary Theresa May announced two separate inquiries to address two public concerns: first that in the 1980s the Home Office failed to act on allegations of child sex abuse and second that public bodies and other important institutions failed to take seriously their duty of care towards children.

In relation to the first concern, Peter Wanless, NSPCC Chief Executive and lawyer Richard Whittam, QC, would lead an eight to ten week review into the Home Office handling of historical child sex abuse and how police and prosecutors dealt with information they received in the 1980s.

In relation to the second there is to be a wide-ranging independent inquiry into the handling of allegations of child sexual abuse by the government and other public bodies in the 1980s and 1990s. This is an independent non-statutory panel inquiry comprised of experts in the law and child protection, chaired by "an appropriately senior and experienced figure", to consider whether public bodies and other non-state institutions took seriously their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and whether any legal gaps in child protection remain.

The inquiry, covering churches, politics, schools, the BBC, hospitals, children's homes and the role of political parties including the conduct of whips' offices at Westminster would have access to "all the government papers, reviews and reports it needs", and may call witnesses subject to the constraints of any criminal investigations. However, the Home Secretary indicated that if the inquiry panel chairman deems it necessary the Government is prepared to convert it into a full public inquiry.

Given the scope of its work it is not likely to report before the general election in May 2015, but an update on progress will be provided before then.

July 8, 2014 The Home Secretary announced that Baroness Butler-Sloss would Chair the forthcoming inquiry into cases of child sex abuse in previous decades.

July 14, 2014 Baroness Butler-Sloss stands down from the inquiry role after mounting concern about her suitability in view of the fact that Michael Havers, the Attorney General during some of the period under review, was her brother.

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Theresa May, the Home Secretary, had strongly resisted such a move, apparently not considering this family connection relevant and refuting the suggestion that it would negate the basis of the inquiry, saying that that it would be completely independent of the events under review. She indicated that a replacement would be announced “within a few days”.

August 5, 2014 Former Radio 1 DJ Chris Denning pleaded guilty to 26 counts of indecent assault and 3 of gross indecency to a child. The offences were committed between 1967 and 1984 and involved boys aged from nine to sixteen years. He denied 2 counts of buggery, 1 of attempted buggery 1 of gross indecency with a child and eight of indecent assault on a male. He will face trial on these charges in November.

August 14, 2014 Police use a search warrant to enter a Berkshire property belonging to 73-year-old Sir Cliff Richard in relation to an alleged historical sex offence. The allegation relates to a sexual assault of a boy under the age of 16 at a 1985 evangelical Christian rally in Sheffield, where he appeared with US preacher Billy Graham.

September 5, 2014 Announcement that Fiona Woolf, the Lord Mayor of London, is to head the UK government inquiry into historical child abuse. Mrs. Woolf is a City lawyer, an expert on the energy industry and former president of the Law Society.

She will be assisted by a panel, the full membership of which to be announced in due course. Early members are identified as Graham Wilmer, a child sexual abuse survivor founder of the Lantern Project that helps victims of sex abuse, and Barbara Hearn, former deputy Chief Executive of the National Children's Bureau. Professor Alexis Jay, author of the inquiry report into abuse in Rotherham is to act as an expert adviser to the panel. The Home Office said that the panel's first tasks are to finalise membership of the panel and agree terms of reference for the inquiry.

The announcement of the new Chair came nine weeks after Baroness Butler-Sloss stood down and the Home Secretary said that a replacement would be announced “within a few days”. This delay may be indicative of the difficulty in securing the services of a suitably experienced and qualified candidate.

September 9, 2014 Concerns are expressed by Rochdale MP Simon Danczuk, who had been vocal in demanding the establishment of the enquiry about revelations that Fiona Woolf has been a neighbour of ex Conservative Home Secretary Leon Brittan for 10 years and that they have business and social connections. Lord Brittan is likely to be called as a witness to the enquiry regarding events of concern during his time in office.

September 19, 2014 A Detective Sergeant and Detective Constable from Sussex Police who interviewed a woman who made a sex crime allegation against Jimmy Savile in 2008 have been served with gross misconduct notices by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC). A Sussex Police Detective Chief Inspector and a Detective Inspector who were in

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supervisory roles in 2008 have been served with misconduct notices.

The IPCC said "The investigation is examining interactions between Sussex Police officers and the victim and whether all lines of enquiry were properly pursued.

The IPCC also indicated that investigations into North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire Surrey Police forces are on-going and that no investigation is presently required in the Metropolitan Police Service.

September 23, 2014 BBC DJ Dave Lee Travis found guilty of one count of indecently assaulting a female researcher working on a TV show in 1995. He was acquitted of indecently assaulting a woman while he was appearing on a production of Aladdin in 1990 and cleared of a further charge of sexually assaulting a journalist after the jury failed to reach a verdict.

Travis had been cleared of 12 other indecent assault allegations at a previous trial, with a combined total of seventeen women having given evidence.

September 26, 2014 BBC DJ Dave Lee Travis given a 3 month prison sentence suspend for 2 years for indecently assaulting a 22 year old female researcher working on a TV show in 1995, in his late 40's. The Judge said that the aggravating feature in the case was the disparity in age and status between the offender and the victim that made her vulnerable to his advances and is not outweighed by the mitigating factors of having no previous convictions and being of good character. This took the offence through the threshold for a custodial sentence.

However the Judge was also clear that "Whilst the commission of any indecent assault is serious and reprehensible, the scale and nature of the offences of which Stuart Hall and other defendants who have been successfully prosecuted under Operation Yewtree...are of a different order of magnitude to the single offence of which you have been convicted".

October 7, 2014 Ray Teret, 72, a flatmate of Savile who worked for him as his chauffeur and also worked as a DJ in clubs Savile owned, at Manchester Crown Court to answer charges of more than 30 sexual offences in the 1960s and 1970's, including 18 counts of rape, all of which he denies. An alleged rape of a 15-year-old girl, committed between 1963 and 1964, was said to have perpetrated by Mr Teret and Savile acting together.

He is on trial with two other men, William Harper and Alan Ledger, described in court as "friends and associates" of Mr Teret, also deny the charges against them.

October 10, 2014 The CPS announces that BBC broadcaster Paul Gambaccini, arrested in October 2013 on suspicion of historical sexual offences as part of Operation Yewtree will not be charged. The allegations were made by two males believed to be aged between 14 and 15 at the time of the alleged offences that were said to have taken place over a two-year period. The CPS said they had decided that "there is insufficient evidence to prosecute".

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In total, 17 men have been questioned by police since Operation Yewtree was established, of which 10 have been told they will face no further action and three have been convicted: Rolf Harris; Max Clifford and Dave Lee Travis. Driver David Smith was charged, but died before his case came to court and another man, aged 73, remains on bail following his arrest in April. Two Crown Court trials are yet to take place.

October 20, 2014 Seven weeks after announcing Fiona Woolf as Chair of The Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse the terms of Reference for the Inquiry are published, indicating it *"has been set up to consider whether, and the extent to which, public bodies and other non-state institutions have taken seriously their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse in England and Wales."* The full composition of the Panel is also announced, as is a timescale of submitting an interim report to the Home Secretary by the end of March 2015.

An Early Day Motion, a mechanism used by MPs to draw attention to a particular event or issue, is tabled in relation to the Chair and Terms of Reference of the Inquiry. In particular it calls for changes in light of the fact that the inquiry will not take evidence from individual victims, instead collating previous reviews to produce a lessons learnt report; and *"calls on the Government to find a new Chair of the inquiry who has palpably demonstrated its willingness to challenge all quarters of the establishment to ensure that it can achieve its aims of providing justice to the victims of historic child abuse"*.

October 21, 2014 The Attorney General's office decides that former DJ Dave Lee Travis's three-month suspended sentence for indecent assault will not be referred to the Court of Appeal as the sentence was "neither wrong in principle nor unduly lenient". The sentence was considered for referral following complaints from four members of the public.

October 21, 2014 City lawyer Fiona Woolf appears before the Parliamentary Home Affairs Select Committee to answer question about her appointment and suitability. Indicating that she was confident of meeting the inquiry timescale despite not being able to start work until her term of office as Lord Mayor of London is concluded in early November, Mrs Woolf refuted suggestions that she is insufficiently independent, or that she might be perceived as a member of the establishment. Mrs Woolf faced persistent questions about her contacts and relationship with her neighbour, ex-Home Secretary Leon Brittan and his wife.

Later it is disclosed that an application for a judicial review of her appointment has been lodged.

October 22, 2014 Amidst widespread concern about her suitability to chair the Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse it emerges that the list of contacts with Lord & Lady Brittan provided by Fiona Woolf to the Home Affairs Select Committee may in fact be incomplete. The Prime Minister and Home Secretary expressed complete confidence in Mrs. Woolf.

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October 30, 2014 A series of seven draft letters released, disclosing for the first time just how closely the Home Office had been involved in drafting a 'personal' letter from Mrs. Woolf to Theresa May, the Home Secretary, about her suitability for the role.

October 31, 2014 Rolf Harris is refused permission to appeal against his sentence. He still has the option of renewing the application before the Court of Appeal.

October 31, 2014 At the first meeting between victims' groups and lawyers and staff from Mrs. Woolf's team, including the counsel to the inquiry and two members of the panel, Barbara Hearn and Sharon Evans victim groups advise that they are "unanimous" in their view that Fiona Woolf should resign as Chair of the Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. Shortly afterward Mrs. Woolf stood down.

Speaking after the meeting, as Home Secretary Teresa May came under pressure to redraft the terms of the independent inquiry into child abuse so that it had powers to compel witnesses to give evidence and see those who give false statements prosecuted, Peter Saunders, Chief Executive of the National Association of People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC), said "The whole thing is a farce... I think it is a dead duck."

November 3, 2014 In a statement to the House of Commons Home Secretary Theresa May said she was "sorry" that the inquiry into historical child abuse, announced in July 2014, had no Chair following two resignations. Mrs May said she would hold meetings with victims' representatives starting the following week. She also said the Home Affairs Committee would question the chosen candidate before they are appointed and that she would discuss the issue with Labour's shadow Home Secretary, Yvette Cooper.

Mrs May announced the inquiry panel would continue whilst a new Chair was found and that preliminary hearings would begin on 12 November 2014 and take place every Wednesday until Christmas. There would also be six regional events going into 2015, at which victims could give evidence, which would "...provide an early opportunity to hear their views about how the panel should go about its work."

Mrs. May said the results of a separate review by NSPCC Chief Executive Peter Wanless into how the Home Office dealt with an investigation into child sex abuse allegations between 1979 and 1999 would be published during w/c 10th November. It was later reported that the Wanless report had been delivered to the Home Office on 15th October 2015, prompting accusations of unnecessary delay.

Mrs. May's consultative approach is in marked contrast to her staunch defence of each of the two previous appointments to Chair the enquiry, each of which she had robustly defended in the face of mounting concern about their apparent lack of independence, until they subsequently resigned.

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November 6, 2014 In a written ministerial statement, the health secretary, Jeremy Hunt said that a further nine hospitals or ambulance services have launched investigations into abuse claims about Savile since June. The new allegations came to light after the publication of inquiries by 28 NHS trusts in June 2014.

The new enquires relate to:

- St Martin's Hospital, Canterbury;
- Bethlem Royal Hospital, London
- Shenley Hospital, London
- Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale,
- Scott House Hospital, Rochdale,
- West Yorkshire Ambulance Service,
- Calderdale Royal Hospital, Halifax
- Meanwood Park Hospital near Leeds
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead,

Leeds General Infirmary, Stoke Mandeville and the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle, which were already investigating alleged abuse by Savile, were also considering allegations that had emerged since June.

The publication of the reports is now expected in January 2015 at the request of the Crown Prosecution Service until the conclusion of ongoing legal proceedings. The overview report from Kate Lampard will also be published at that time

The total number of health settings where allegations of sexual abuse by Savile have or are being reviewed is now 41.

November 7, 2014 Former celebrity publicist Max Clifford's appeal against his eight-year sentence for sex offences was rejected by the Court of Appeal. Clifford's lawyer had argued that the length of the jail term imposed was unfair and that his client was not a danger to women.

In a 13 page judgment Lord Justice Treacy, who heard the appeal with Mr Justice Turner and Judge Michael Pert, described the length of the prison term as "...just and proportionate..." adding "It seems to us that, after consideration of the individual offences and the application of modern sentencing attitudes reflected in the guidelines, but tempered by the need to have regard to the statutory maximum available at the time, an overall sentence of eight years was justified and correct."

November 11, 2014 Publication of "An Independent Review of two Home Office commissioned Independent Reviews looking at information held in connection with Child Abuse from 1979-1999" by NSPCC chief executive Peter Wanless and Richard Whittam QC.

The review was established by Home Secretary Teresa May on 7th June 2015 and reported to have been delivered to the Home Office on 15th October 2015, prompting accusations of unnecessary delay by the government.

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The review considered how the Home Office dealt with information given to it by the late Conservative MP Geoffrey Dickens, as well as other allegations contained in 114 missing, lost or destroyed files.

The 10-week probe did not uncover "...any evidence of organised attempts by the Home Office to conceal child abuse" however "...It is very difficult to prove anything definitive based on imperfectly operated paper records system at 30 years remove...It is, therefore, not possible to say whether files were ever removed or destroyed to cover up or hide allegations of organised or systematic child abuse by particular individuals because of the systems then in place. It follows that we cannot say that no file was removed or destroyed for that reason."

A new Home Office file "Crime Particular Offences. Common Assault and Violence Against the Person: The Brighton Assaults" had come to light as a result of "heightened awareness" of the subject in the department. The file contained correspondence between Home Office officials and ministers related to meetings between Mr Dickens MP and the then Home Secretary Leon Brittan and briefing notes for a subsequent meeting between the two men, in which Mr Dickens is recorded as having handed over two letters containing specific allegations. However, there is no mention of "prominent politicians or celebrities".

Mr Wanless and Mr Whittam QC also found nothing to support claims of funding by the Home Office of the Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE), an organisation that campaigned for the age of consent to be lowered.

After publication of the report, Mrs May told the House of Commons she was not able to say the Home Office had not been involved in a cover-up during the 1980s on the basis of the report "There might have been a cover-up, that is why we have set up the inquiry into child abuse and we are determined to get to the truth."

Mrs. May said she had now asked Mr Wanless and Mr Whittam to examine what was done with any material passed on to the Security Service, MI5, as well as to take a further look at the role of police and prosecutors in their handling of any allegations of child abuse passed onto them by the Home Office at the time of Geoffrey Dickens' dossier.

Prime Minister David Cameron said later "... I think it is important that it says there was not a cover-up. So, some of the people who have been looking for conspiracy theories I think will have to look elsewhere."

Mr Wanless said on BBC Radio 4's PM programme that the Prime Minister was could not say that the report found there was not a cover-up "He can only say that in relation to the registered filing system of the Home Office, and we made very clear that we can't make a wider conclusion than that based on the task we were given and the information available to us." Asked if that meant Mr Cameron was wrong, he responded "He is wrong."

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November 14, 2014 Former DJ Chris Denning, 73, a former colleague of Jimmy Savile and one of the first Radio 1 DJs, pleaded guilty to 10 charges of indecent assault on a male, a charge of gross indecency and another of indecency with a child when he appeared at Southwark Crown Court in London.

He had previously admitted 29 charges – including 26 counts of indecent assault on a male and three of indecency with a child – at a hearing at Southwark Crown Court in August. The offences involve 26 male victims, assaulted between 1967 and 1987. One of his victims was aged nine. He is due to be sentenced on the 41 charges on 9 December 2014.

December 4, 2014 In a open letter to Home Secretary Theresa May 22 child abuse survivors and associated professionals withdrew their participation in the Inquiry into Child Abuse as they felt she had not taken action in response to their previous representations that the inquiry as currently constituted is not fit for purpose.

Specifically their concerns are that: the Inquiry Terms of Reference will not fulfil the purpose of the Inquiry; the process and outcomes of appointing a Chair for the Inquiry are unsatisfactory and that the cut-off date for the Inquiry investigations is set at 1970, when the 1969 Children Act transferred Home Office run youth establishments, from which a considerable number of abuse allegations were subsequently made, to the Department of Health. In their view the inquiry should be extended to 1945 and link with Inquiries in other parts of the UK.

December 4, 2014 The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) announced that no charges would be brought against two staff members at the former Duncroft Approved School in Staines, which closed in the 1980s. Following an investigation by Surrey Police, during which they interviewed more than 100 former pupils at Duncroft, a case summary was submitted to the CPS.

The CPS advised that there was insufficient evidence to meet the criteria for prosecution, these being that staff were complicit in allegations of sexual offending against the school's pupils; that members of staff knew of the risk that [Savile] posed and wilfully failed to protect pupils from harm or that staff members considered the complaints made to be genuine and wilfully chose to ignore them.

December 5, 2014 Ray Teret, 72, a flatmate of Savile who worked for him as his chauffeur and also worked as a DJ in clubs that Savile owned, is found guilty by a jury at Manchester Crown Court of 7 rapes and 11 indecent assaults of girls aged between 12 -15 years during the 1960's and 1970's. He was acquitted of 11 counts of rape, one count of buggery and of aiding and abetting Savile to rape a 15-year-old girl in the early 1960s. Teret has a previous conviction in 1999 for sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old girl.

Two other men, William Harper, 65 and Alan Ledger, 62 described in court as 'friends and associates' of Mr Teret, were acquitted of the charges against

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them.

December 5, 2014 Two members of Theresa May's panel inquiring into child sex abuse, Graham Wilmer and Barbara Hearn, face calls to resign after being accused of sending threatening or insulting emails to survivors who had criticised the inquiry.

Lawyers for Andrew Lavery, a survivor whose whistleblowing led to a police investigation into abuse by monks at a Catholic boarding school in Scotland, wrote to the Home Secretary to complain about a string of unsolicited communications, including an allegedly threatening email sent two days before an official meeting which both panellists and an abuse survivor were due to attend.

A source close to the inquiry's secretariat said the emails should not have been sent and the Home Office's Director of Safeguarding said that the allegations against panel members were being examined by an unnamed QC.

Mr. Lavery's solicitors claim that he had received a number of unsolicited communications from Mr Wilmer following the end of their telephone contact. These included repeated requests from Mr Wilmer asking Mr Lavery to get in contact with him and an email which Mr. Lavery regarded as threatening received from Mr Wilmer on 5 November 2014, following Mr Lavery's conversation that day with a member of the child sex abuse inquiry secretariat about attending a meeting with the inquiry on 6 November.

Mr. Wilmer denied that he intended the email to be threatening. His email suggests he was provoked into emailing Mr. Lavery by a social media row between a separate abuse victim and Mr. Wilmer's adult son who had sought to confront those who criticised his father's place on the panel.

Additionally Peter McKelvie, a former child protection manager whose allegations led to the launch of the ongoing Operation Fernbridge police inquiry in 2012, complained about an inappropriate email from Barbara Hearn, another panellist. After Mr. McKelvie publicly raised questions about her appointment Mrs. Hearn wrongly accused him of posing as a female blogger who had been causing her distress.

Mr. McKelvie, 65, who has no presence on social media, said he would continue to call for Hearn's resignation because of her previous employment at the National Children's Bureau (NCB), where a leading member of the Paedophile Information Exchange, Peter Righton, had worked as a consultant between 1972 and 1974. He also highlighted a potential conflict of interest in Mrs. Hearn's connections with social work managers from the Labour-controlled Islington council in north London, when there was widespread sexual abuse in children's homes. Hearn was appointed to the NCB in the 1990s by John Rea Price, who had been Director of Social Services at Islington council.

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December 11, 2014 Ray Teret is sentenced to a total of 25 years' imprisonment, 12 months each for 5 indecent assaults, 18 months each for 6 indecent assaults and 25 years for each count of rape, all to be served concurrently. The Judge, Mr Justice Baker, said that it was clear that Teret had exploited his celebrity status to sexually abuse young girls who were "both physically and emotionally immature."

In what has become a common theme of post-Savile cases the Judge observed "The catalyst which brought these events into the open was the media publicity which followed upon the death of Jimmy Savile in 2011, a person with whom you were known to have worked at an early stage of your career. Thereafter when a few of your victims disclosed to the police what you had done to them in their childhoods, others came forward who frankly told the police that, without the support of those other victims, they didn't feel their own accounts would have been believed."

December 15, 2014 The Home Secretary told the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee she is prepared to give significant new powers to the official inquiry into child sex abuse, including compelling witnesses to give evidence.

She also indicated that she is reconsidering the inquiry's terms of reference to enable a current 1970 cut-off date to be revised to allow allegations dating back to the 1950s to be examined.

But, she said, she was not yet on the verge of appointing a new Chair to the controversial inquiry, with the Home Office considering more than 100 possible names for the job. She indicated she was prepared to give survivors and their representatives an opportunity to be consulted on her proposed new Chair before their name was formally announced.

Mrs. May said she was confident that a new Chair would be in place and the inquiry firmly established by the May 2015 general election. She told MPs her appreciation of the enormity of the issue had deepened since she first announced the inquiry in July: "What we have seen so far is only the tip of the iceberg".

Decisions have yet to be taken on how the inquiry, which continues to meet every Wednesday without a chairman, could be put on a statutory basis. Mrs. May said it could be done by giving the existing panel powers to compel witnesses under the 2005 Inquiries Act or by waiting for a new Chair to ask for statutory powers.

Although some had argued the inquiry should be turned into a Royal Commission she said powers to compel witnesses would have to be written into the royal warrant and such a move had not been legally tested.

December 16, 2014 Chris Denning, 73, one of the original BBC Radio 1 DJs in 1967, is jailed for 13 years for 40 offences of sexually abusing 24 boys aged nine to 16 in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Sentencing had been delayed

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from 9th December due to illness of the prosecuting counsel.

The court heard the 73-year-old used his fame to 'entice' boys, taking some victims to recordings of *Top of the Pops*, and in other instances introducing them to celebrities including Jimmy Savile.

Denning was arrested in June 2013 as part of Operation Yewtree, the police investigation into allegations that arose after the sex abuse perpetrated by Jimmy Savile came to light. His arrest was under the strand of the investigation into offences not connected to Savile.

He has previously served prison sentences in the UK, the Czech Republic and Slovakia for sexual offences involving boys.

December 18, 2014 North Yorkshire Police publicise the results of Operation Hibiscus, an investigation into allegations of historic sexual abuse made against the late Scarborough mayor Peter Jaconelli and Jimmy Savile. Operation Hibiscus was launched on 14 February 2014 when, following the broadcast of regional TV news programme *Inside Out*, 35 people made reports of 37 historic incidents of sexual abuse by Jaconelli and Savile.

32 of the cases related to Jaconelli ranging from indecent assault, inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, gross indecency to rape, all incidents occurring between 1958 and 1998. The remaining 5, ranging from sexual assault (or indecent assault under current law) to rape, related to Savile and occurred between 1979 and 1988.

Each allegation was investigated and evidence uncovered to suggest that, had they been alive today, files would have been submitted for consideration by the Crown Prosecution Service regarding potential criminal charges against Peter Jaconelli and Jimmy Savile for sexual offences relating to young people.

Assistant Chief Constable Paul Kennedy, of North Yorkshire Police, said: "The available information indicates that, historically, the police missed opportunities to look into allegations against these men whilst they were still alive. Today, North Yorkshire Police apologises to the victims..."

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is conducting an independent investigation linked to this issue after North Yorkshire Police made a voluntary referral in April 2014. That relates to how North Yorkshire Police responded in 2012 to information about alleged offences committed by Jimmy Savile in the 1970s and how North Yorkshire Police responded to several allegations made recently regarding former Scarborough resident Peter Jaconelli (who died in 1999), approximately nine years after Jaconelli's death.

Other matters were also voluntarily referred to the IPCC, namely whether any information North Yorkshire Police held on record about Savile or his known associates, was properly and comprehensively disclosed to Her Majesty's

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Inspector of Constabulary (HMIC) when it and other police forces in England and Wales were asked to do so by HMIC in December 2012 and whether information was properly and comprehensively disclosed in response to a request by the IPCC in May 2013.

Following consideration, the IPCC decided to refer these matters back to North Yorkshire Police to investigate and rectify. Assistant Chief Constable Paul Kennedy said: "A comprehensive investigation into these matters has now been completed by the Professional Standards Department. That concluded that there was no evidence of misconduct but there was evidence of organisational failure, with a number of lessons to be learned which have now been rectified for the future".

"This included actions such as clearly defining search parameters when checking historical records and ensuring that the appropriate department conducts such searches. Furthermore all operational meetings must be recorded, ensuring a full audit trail of decision-making throughout the process for openness and transparency".

"Whilst there were failings to report some relevant information to the HMIC and IPCC, there is no evidence to suggest North Yorkshire Police failed in its responsibility to support Operation Yewtree, the national investigation concerning Savile."

December 20, 2014 Leaked letters from Teresa May to members of the Inquiry into Child Abuse panel and a response from one of the panel members, Sharon Evans, chief executive of Dot Com Children's Foundation, which promotes child safeguarding and herself an abuse survivor, indicate that Mrs. May is considering turning the current Inquiry into a statutory inquiry, setting up a fresh statutory inquiry or establishing a Royal Commission. The latter two options would necessitate dissolving the panel in its current form. Mrs. May claims that she was responding to concerns about the panel raised with her by abuse survivors.

The leaked response from Sharon Evans indicates that Mrs. May has indicated 'off the record' that the panel would be stood down in the New Year.

Giving an insight into some of the process behind the scenes Mrs. Evans' letter says "On December 15, with virtually no notice, panel members were summoned to meet you at the Home Office. During the pre-briefing by your staff, even though there is no legal reason, we were informed that it was likely that the panel would be stood down and the inquiry halted, so that in accordance with the wishes of survivors you had met, you could turn the inquiry into a statutory inquiry or Royal Commission..."

My final concern is that I feel threatened about writing to you as it was made clear to me that if I wrote a letter to you that your special advisers would 'brief against me' to discredit me and my charitable work in helping to safeguard children from sexual abuse and violence. It is shocking to me that people are employed to attack and discredit anyone who speaks against you."

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January 21, 2015 In an indication of the continued problems facing the Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, during the appearance of Panel members Drusilla Sharpling, Professor Jenny Pearce and Sharon Evans and Expert Advisor Professor Alexis Jay before the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, Select Committee Chair Keith Vaz MP commented:

It all seems rather sad. We have a panel that has no chair, a home secretary writing to the existing panel members saying there's a one in three chance you'll have to go, a consultation meeting that's been cancelled, members of the panel thinking that they can't tell the public about process. Is this satisfactory?

Sharon Evans, an abuse survivor and chief executive of the Dot Com children's charity, told MPs the inquiry's counsel, Ben Emmerson QC, had in effect taken it over in the absence of an appointed chairman, and had made threats and intimidated panel members.

Evans told the MPs that even before the Commons hearing there had been an attempt by the inquiry secretariat to ensure panel members did not voice any internal criticism. "I feel that I was told today that we must speak with a collective voice. I feel that would prevent me from answering your questions honestly." She also claimed she had been told a letter she wanted to send to the home secretary must be rewritten before it was despatched and complained that panel members were being prevented from responding publicly to allegations about their conduct.

Two other panel members, Jenny Pearce and Drusilla Sharpling, expressed greater confidence in the running of the inquiry and all members of the inquiry panel have said they think the inquiry should have statutory powers. None of the witnesses called for the panel to be disbanded.

Alexis Jay said there was a strong public perception that the independent panel was not focused or well led. Ms. Sharpling said they had to postpone a Birmingham "listening event" until March because they were not in a position to answer questions about their future.

Outside the committee hearing on Tuesday, the Home Office said there was an ongoing investigation into the behaviour of two panel members, Graham Wilmer, and Barbara Hearn (see December 5th 2014).

Mr. Emmerson denied any bullying or intimidation, calling the allegations baseless. He said "Sharon Evans has repeatedly disclosed confidential information in public and has made a number of public statements that are factually misleading. These were serious violations of her duties as a panel member and undermine the integrity of the inquiry and the confidence of victims and survivors."

A statement from the panel, excluding Evans, rejected any suggestion it had been intimidated and it was reported that the other panel members feel they

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can no longer work with Ms Evans and would rather the panel were disbanded now.

January 22, 2015 Home Secretary Theresa May told MPs that more than 150 nominations had forward to lead the Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse and that she would announce the new Chair and powers for the inquiry by the end of January.

Mrs May also said a file found in the National Archives containing allegations of "unnatural sexual" behaviour at Westminster in the 1980's was being looked into. She said the file was thought to be a duplicate of one already seen by the Wanless inquiry into the Home Office's handling of child sex abuse claims in the 1980s.

January 22, 2015 The death of former Conservative Home Secretary Leon Brittan. Fiona Woolf the second Chair of the Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse resigned partly because of her social relationship with neighbour Lord Brittan, who was likely to have been called as a witness to the enquiry regarding events of concern during his time in office..

January 30, 2015 A secret file detailing official investigations into Sir Peter Hayman, a senior British diplomat named in the House of Commons as a paedophile has been publicly released by the National Archives. Hayman, was Minister for West Berlin and worked in the Foreign Office in the 1960s, and High Commissioner to Ottawa from 1970 to 1974.

The 34-page file, titled *PREM 19/588. Security. Sir Peter Hayman: allegations against former public official of unnatural sexual proclivities; security aspects* was prepared for the attention of then prime minister Margaret Thatcher on October 27 1980 following an expose in the satirical magazine Private Eye, an article later described in official papers as "generally accurate".

Conservative MP Geoffrey Dickens used parliamentary privilege in 1981 to name Hayman as a paedophile, prompted to act after Private Eye reported allegations of a cover-up.

In a briefing to Mrs. Thatcher, Sir Robert Armstrong, then secretary of the cabinet wrote: "The police report showed that Sir Peter Hayman kept explicit and detailed records of his sexual activities and fantasies and that he was a member of the Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE). But the only activities which could be shown to have occurred were with consenting adults (of both sexes); the material in the records relating to children appeared all to be fantasy, and there was - and is - no evidence for actual activities with children.

A background note from the Law Officers' Department on March 17 1981, marked secret, said "it appeared that (Hayman) had been a member of PIE for the purpose of making contact with adults with whom he could exchange obscene material." It added: "There was no evidence of his having sought to approach any child for sexual purposes or of his seeking to incite others to do so."

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The police investigation following the 1978 parcel discovery revealed correspondence "of an obscene nature" between Hayman and a nine other people. One of these, not Hayman, was corresponding with a tenth person over a shared "obsession about the systematic killing by sexual torture of young people and children".

In December 2014 Scotland Yard announced it was investigating the alleged murder of three young boys linked to a Westminster paedophile ring active in the late Seventies and early Eighties.

The dossier suggests Sir Peter had been engaged in "sexual perversion" since as far back as 1966, "and it must be presumed he was doing so before that time". It outlines security concerns that his sexual activities during his time overseas could have opened him up to blackmail, but no security breach was uncovered.

Sir Robert Armstrong went on "The only offence for which he could have been charged was that of sending obscene material through the post; and I am advised that it was and is the policy of the Director of Public Prosecutions not to prosecute for this offence except if there has been a complaint from the recipient or the object of committing the offence was commercial gain."

The papers demonstrate Whitehall's shock at its failure to detect Hayman's activities earlier, and concerns that vetting procedures might need to be stepped up to prevent a repeat of the mistake. However, it remains unexplained why Hayman's arrest for possessing paedophile material was hushed up between 1978 and the publication of the Private Eye story two years later.

The papers also suggest there was no evidence of a cover-up of child abuse by the government. Sir Robert wrote to Mrs. Thatcher: "The fact is that none of us - neither the Cabinet Office, nor the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, nor the Security Service knew anything about the affair until the article was published, and I doubt whether there is any point in trying to conceal the fact." He added that it was a "difficult question" why no one was told about the investigation into Sir Peter, and warned Mrs. Thatcher: "It would be better not to be drawn on this aspect in a way which could lead to the need for a further statement."

Announcing the release of the file a Cabinet Office spokesman said: "This file was originally kept closed as it contained information from the security services and advice from the law officers. We have reviewed that decision and have now released the file into the National Archives."

January 31, 2015 The Home Secretary's self imposed deadline for announcing the new Chair and powers for the Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse passes without comment.

February 4, 2015 Justice Lowell Goddard, a New Zealand high court judge, is

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announced as the new Chair of the official 'Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse', by Home Secretary, Theresa May. Justice Goddard has previously led an inquiry into police handling of child abuse cases in New Zealand.

Mrs. May also confirmed the current inquiry panel would be disbanded and a new statutory inquiry with a fresh panel and terms of reference established.

She told MPs that the inquiry was now likely to examine cases earlier than its current 1970 cut-off date, with survivors' groups pressing for cases as far back as 1945 to be included. However she made clear the investigation would not extend beyond its current geographical remit of England and Wales.

The current counsel to the inquiry, Ben Emmerson QC, is to continue in his role. He said that the constitution of a statutory inquiry means it will now have powers to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence by institutions and individuals.

The Home Secretary also reassured MPs that the Official Secrets Act would not be a bar on those giving evidence to the inquiry and all government departments would be asked to cooperate including in the provision of secret information.

She also said a "small number" of further Cabinet Office files had been identified, in addition to the file on Sir Peter Hayman discovered in the National Archives, which should have been passed to last summer's Home Office inquiry. They will be passed to the inquiry and police.

February 4, 2015 Judge Lowell Goddard, the new Chair of the Independent Inquiry into Institutional Child Abuse (IICSA) indicates that the enquiry may not be able to report until 2018 and that it will include consideration of the 16-years of systematic sexual abuse of up to 1,400 girls and young women in Rotherham.

A criminal investigation was launched the previous day when a review found Rotherham Council 'not fit for purpose' and still 'in denial' about girls as young as 11 being left to be abused by mainly Asian men between 1997 and 2013.

February 5, 2015 Paul Gadd, the 1970s glam rock star Gary Glitter, now 70, found guilty of six sex offences against three girls aged, at the time of the offences which were committed in the 1970s and 1980s, between 8 and 13. Specifically, he was convicted of six offences: one count of attempted rape of an eight-year-old child, one count of unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 13 and four counts of indecent assault.

He was cleared of two other counts of indecent assault and one count of administering a drug or other thing in order to facilitate sexual intercourse. He will be sentenced on 27 February 2015.

One victim had first been to police in 1998 but a Court then had decided that it

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was not, at that time, possible to try him for on charges related to her allegations. He was subsequently convicted in 1999 of having a library of 4,000 abuse images, some involving children as young as two.

Gadd was also tried in 1999 in the UK for an alleged sexual assault of a fourth teenage fan, a former girlfriend who said they began a sexual relationship when she was 14. He was acquitted after a controversial summing up, which drew complaints from children's groups, in which the judge told the jury: "Some 14- year-olds look like sophisticated young ladies, a nightmare for many publicans."

The case also prompted a landmark ruling censuring newspaper payments to witnesses by the then Press Complaints Commission after it emerged that the woman, Allison Brown, who had waived her right to anonymity, was paid £10,000 by the News of The World newspaper and stood to gain another £25,000 if the trial resulted in a conviction.

In 2006 Gadd was convicted of sexually molesting two girls aged 11 and 12 and served a three-year prison sentence in Vietnam.

February 13, 2015 The Home Affairs Committee reported on its findings after Justice Goddard appeared before it. The Committee said that the Judge would be standing down from the High Court of New Zealand and moving to the UK to take on the role full-time in early April.

In relation to the Inquiry itself the committee recommended that:

- the scope of the child sexual abuse inquiry be extended to cover the whole of the UK rather than just England and Wales. The investigation should cover Scotland, and Northern Ireland, including claims of abuse at Kincora Boys' Home in Belfast in the 1970s, a Home Affairs Committee report said, in order to avoid "gaps" between the various inquiries;
- an official forum for victims of child sex abuse should be established, with strong links to the inquiry's main panel;
- the inquiry consider hiring specialist staff to provide support to abuse victims giving evidence;
- the Home Office conduct a new search of all government material to establish that no relevant documents have been overlooked;
- the inquiry panel produce an interim report as soon as possible, and further reports "as frequently as it sees fit";
- Justice Goddard play a "full role" in the selection of panel members, as well as having a free hand over the appointment of the inquiry counsel and secretariat;
- Justice Goddard look at the Leveson and Hillsborough inquiries as examples of "well-run, focused, and victim-centred inquiries."

The committee also welcomed Theresa May's announcement that she is open to allowing the inquiry to investigate abuse allegations going back to before 1970.

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Notwithstanding the Committee's recommendations, separate historical abuse inquiries have already been established in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Scotland inquiry was announced in December 2014 and is due to confirm Terms of Reference in April 2015. In Northern Ireland the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry (HIA) was first announced in 2010 and formally established on 31 May 2012 and is due to report in January 2016. It is examining allegations of child abuse in children's homes and other residential institutions in Northern Ireland from 1922 to 1995.

February 25, 2015 The House of Commons Home Affairs Committee release a copy of a letter submitted in evidence to it from the Chief Constable of a South Yorkshire Police Force relating to allegations of abuse by Sir Cliff Richard. In it Chief Constable David Crompton said the investigation had increased significantly in size since its inception and that there is more than one allegation. He added: "It would be premature and potentially misleading to predict a likely date when it will be concluded, however, we are progressing as swiftly as possible."

February 26, 2015 16 NHS and 14 Department for Education Reports published. The NHS reports addressed 74 new allegations of abuse, of which 66 were at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

The reports comprise:

- **Bethlem Royal Hospital (South London and Maudsley NHS FT)** An inconclusive investigation as it was not possible to substantiate a claim of abuse by Savile
- **Birch Hill Hospital Rochdale (Pennine Acute NHST)** No evidence Savile had any association with the hospital, but it is possible abuse was carried out by an unidentified male.
- **Calderdale Royal Hospital (Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS FT)** An allegation of abuse by a former patient was unlikely to have been carried out by Savile.
- **Crawley Hospital (Sussex Community NHST)** No specific allegation of assault, but concern about Savile's presence at the site.
- **Leeds General Infirmary (Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHST)** This was an update to the original report published in 2014. The original report identified 60 alleged victims and the update identified a further 6, though not all were considered to be substantive allegations.
- **Meanwood Park Hospital (Leeds and York Partnership NHS FT)** An investigation into the background to a statement made by a former student nurse on a month's placement in a MENCAP nursery in Leeds in 1981 - 1982 that advised her not to let Savile near the children. The inquiry concluded that it was likely that the warning was issued based on a perception that Savile was a "disruptive nuisance" as opposed to a sexual threat.
- **Queen Elizabeth Hospital Gateshead (Gateshead Health NHS FT)** No specific allegations but suggestions of inappropriate behaviour towards staff, including "hand licking".
- **Rampton Hospital (Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHST)** Four separate

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allegations of sexually inappropriate behaviour

- **Royal Victoria Infirmary (Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT)**
1 allegation relating to a former patient that could not be substantiated as the person did not wish to be interviewed.
- **Scott House Hospital Rochdale (Calderstones NHS FT)** No evidence of a visit by Savile - and no allegation of abuse.
- **Shenley Hospital (Central and NW London NHST)**
One incident that could not be confirmed, but the alleged victim's account was considered credible.
- **Springfield University Hospital (SW London and St George's Mental Health NHST)** No evidence of Savile visiting the hospital, but the report investigated seven allegations of sexual assault by his brother, Johnny, who worked there as a recreation officer in the late 1970s.
- **St Martin's Hospital Canterbury (and NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust)** The inquiry concluded that on the balance of probability it is unlikely Savile visited the hospital.
- **Stoke Mandeville Hospital (Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHST)** 63 victims aged 8-40 between 1968-92. They were "patients, staff, visitors, volunteers and charity fundraisers". Sexual assaults ranged from inappropriate touching to rape.
During 2015 documents from the Department of Health and Social Security relevant to the Stoke Mandeville investigation will also be published.
- **West Yorkshire Ambulance Service (Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHST)** No allegations of sexual abuse by Savile but his access to staff and patients was considered entirely inappropriate.

The Lampard Report

Kate Lampard, a former practising barrister and former Deputy Chair of the Financial Ombudsman Service, was appointed by the Secretary of State in October 2012 to provide independent oversight of the 28 reports published in June 2014 and the above 16 published in February 2015. The NHS Savile Legacy Unit provided independent oversight of the other reports. Their reports were also published.

Ms. Lampard's report focuses on the lessons learned from the findings from all 44 DoH published investigations and emerging themes. The report includes 14 recommendations for the NHS, the Department of Health and wider Government.

The 44 reports relate to 34 hospitals; 5 mental health units; 2 children's hospitals; 1 ambulance service, 1 hospice and 1 children's convalescent home.

Three new investigations were announced on 26 February 2015 in relation to:

- De La Pole Hospital, Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals Trust
- Guys and St Thomas' Hospital, Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- Moss Side and Ashworth Hospitals, Merseycare Trust.

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The Department of Education Reports

Also published on February 26th 2015 were 14 reports ordered by the Department for Education relating to:

- Aspley Wood School – Nottingham City Council
- Barnardo's Children's Home in Ilford – Barnardo's
- Bassetlaw School - Nottinghamshire County Council
- Beechwood Children's Home - Leeds City Council
- Unnamed Children's Home, Bournemouth - Bournemouth County Council
- Broome House Children's Home - Manchester City Council
- Colleton Lodge, Exeter (Home for Boys) - Devon County Council
- Henshaws School for the Blind - Henshaws Society for Blind People
- Leeds Children's Services - Leeds City Council
- The Manchester Taxi Drivers Organisation for Handicapped Children - Manchester City Council
- The National Children's Home, Penhurst - Action for Children Concluded that visited Penhurst School in the 1970s and it likely that he opened a school fete. No allegation or evidence of abuse. The report concludes that the allegation may be true.
- Northways School - Leeds City Council
- Notre Dame Grammar School - Leeds City Council
- Parklands Children's Home - Gloucestershire County Council
- The Little Ride Children's Home - London Borough of Hounslow Council
- Sarah Laski Children's Home - Manchester City Council
- Sevenoaks School - Sevenoaks School
- St Leonard's Children's Home - London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council
- The Hollies Children's Home - London Borough of Southwark Council. A former resident alleged sexual assault by Savile in the mid 1960's.

Allegations unrelated to Jimmy Savile:

- Beach Holme Children's Home - Wandsworth Council
- Sheringham Road Care Home - London Borough of Islington Council

On hold due to a live police investigation:

- Broomfield Children's Home - Surrey County Council

An independent oversight report by mental health and human rights lawyer Lucy Scott-Moncrieff was also published.

February 27, 2015 Paul Gadd, the 1970s glam rock star Gary Glitter, now aged 70, is sentenced to a total of 16 years' imprisonment for six sex offences against three girls aged between 8 and 13. The Judge indicated he would follow the sentencing regime applicable today, but was limited to the maximum sentences available at the time of the offences.

Paul Gadd was convicted of six offences. One count of attempted related to rape of an eight-year-old child, a friend of his daughter, who was staying in his home overnight. He was given the maximum sentence available, seven years for this offence.

Three counts related to a 12 year old victim who went to one of his concerts.

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He had taken the girl and her mother to his hotel and created a situation in which the mother was taken out of his suite of rooms whilst the child stayed in his room all night. Gadd digitally penetrated her vagina and performed oral sex on her as well as full sexual intercourse. At that time he was in his 30s.

For these offences the sentences were 4 years' imprisonment for the first two offences and 8 years for the rape, to run concurrently with each other but consecutively to the sentence for the offence on the 8 year old.

The other two offences were committed against a 13 year old girl who visited his dressing room after a performance. During the few minutes she was there he put her on his lap, kissed her in a sexual manner and touched her vagina over her clothing. The sentence for these offences was 12 months' imprisonment concurrently on each count but consecutive to the other sentences.

March 12, 2015 Home Secretary Theresa May announces that with immediate effect a new inquiry into child abuse has been established, Chaired by Justice Goddard with statutory powers to compel witnesses to determine whether State and non-State institutions have taken seriously their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse within England and Wales.

The new panel will comprise Drusilla Sharpling, a barrister with expertise in both policing and the Crown Prosecution Service, Professor Alexis Jay who has expertise in social work and led the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham; Ivor Frank who has extensive experience in family and human rights law, and expertise in child protection matters; and Professor Malcolm Evans, Chair of the United Nations Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture and Professor of Public International Law at the University of Bristol.

In addition, the Panel will be informed by a number of expert advisers in the fields of health, education, and a psychologist with relevant expertise.

The terms of reference from the previous inquiry will be amended to remove any cut off date for the Inquiry's consideration, the establishment of a Survivors and Victims' Consultative Panel which will have a specific role and function within the Inquiry and protocols to enable liaison with inquiries taking place in other jurisdictions. Officials have had initial discussions with the Scottish Government, who are in the process of setting up their own inquiry, the Hart Inquiry in Northern Ireland and the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry and have agreed with them and with the Child Sexual Abuse Inquiry that joint protocols will be set up with each inquiry to ensure that information can be shared and lines of investigation can be followed across geographical boundaries. These protocols are to be published in due course.

March 12, 2015 Reports appear in the Press that publicist Max Clifford, currently serving an 8-year sentence for indecent assault has been arrested for further offences. Police declined to confirm the identity of the person but said it was a 71-year-old who was "...not a new individual to Operation Yewtree."

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March 16, 2015 The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is to investigate 14 referrals detailing allegations of corruption in the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in relation to child sex offences dating from the 1970s to the 2000s.

The allegations, referred by the MPS, include: suppressing evidence; hindering or halting investigations; covering up the offences because of the involvement of MP's and police officers.

March 23, 2015 DJ Neil Fox, 53 has been charged with nine sex offences involving six people, of whom three were children. Scotland Yard said he faced six charges of indecent assault, of which three allegedly involved girls aged under 16, and two allegations of sexual assault.

Mr Fox is charged with one indecent assault on a girl aged under 14 and two indecent assaults on a girl aged under 16 between 1991 and 1996. He is also charged with four indecent assaults on a female over 16 and two sexual assaults on a female that are alleged to have taken place between 2003 and 2014.

He was first arrested on 30 September, after the Metropolitan Police said four allegations of sexual assault had been made. A second arrest was made in December 2014 for a further three allegations of sexual assaults.

Not part of Operation Yewtree this is the first prosecution of the 'next generation' of celebrities for similar offences since Operation Yewtree was established.

March 27, 2015 Three further new claims of Metropolitan Police corruption over the investigation child abuse are to be managed by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC)

The three new referrals are: an allegation that a child abuse investigation in central London gathered evidence against MPs, judges, media entertainers, police, actors, clergy and others. The file was submitted to start proceedings against those identified and, it is alleged, two months later a senior Metropolitan Police officer ordered the case to be dropped; two allegations about police actions during a child abuse investigation in the 1980s, details of which have not been given.

The IPCC is also assessing a further six referrals it has received from the Met relating to "similar matters".

March 27, 2015 The IPCC has taken charge of an inquiry into an allegation that Greater Manchester Police (GMP) failed to adequately investigate an incident involving former Liberal MP Cyril Smith.

A former Greater Manchester Police officer has said that he was threatened with the Official Secrets Act after finding the MP with two teenage boys in

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1988. Twenty-three people have claimed they were abused by the Liberal MP, who died aged 82 in 2010. Police said allegations against Smith related to teenage boys in Rochdale between 1960 and 1987.

The IPCC said its involvement would "ensure independent oversight" of the allegation, while ensuring GMP's wider criminal investigation, Operation Clifton, was not affected. Operation Clifton, launched in July, is a probe into how previous reports of child sexual abuse were handled or allegedly covered up.

Northamptonshire Police is also probing claims police released Smith after child abuse images were found in his car on the M1 in the 1980s. Five witnesses have come forward over allegations he was released from custody after he made a telephone call to a third party in London.

April 16, 2015 The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Alison Saunders, announces that Labour peer Lord Janner will not face child sex abuse charges because the severity of his dementia makes him unfit to stand trial.

The DPP said there was sufficient evidence to charge him with a total of twenty two offences: fourteen indecent assaults on a male under 16 between 1969 and 1988: two indecent assaults between 1984 and 1988: four counts of buggery of a male under 16 between 1972 and 1987 and two counts of buggery between 1977 and 1988.

However, in light of the findings of 4 separate medical reports, that:

- Lord Janner is suffering from a degenerative dementia that is rapidly becoming more severe. He requires continuous care both day and night;
 - His evidence could not be relied upon in court and he could not have any meaningful engagement with the court process, and the court would find it impossible to proceed;
 - On the mini Mental State examination all four doctors were in general agreement as to the level of cognitive ability;
 - The condition will only deteriorate, there is no prospect of recovery.
 - Manipulation ("putting it on") is "out of the question";
 - There is no risk of future offending;
- she had concluded that it was not in the public interest to pursue a prosecution.

She added that the CPS considers that in the light of the medical evidence Lord Janner would inevitably be found not fit to plead, not fit to instruct his legal team and not fit to challenge or give evidence in a trial.

The CPS did consider whether it would nevertheless be appropriate to launch a fitness to plead process. In such a process there is no determination of the criminal charge, no criminal verdict and no question of conviction. Rather the powers of the Court are "restricted to measures designed to treat, rehabilitate and support while, in the most serious cases, providing protection for the public"; thus there are cases in which such a process may be appropriate in order, for example, to protect the public either by a hospital order or by a

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supervision order.

However, in this case, the CPS judged that the outcome of such proceedings would not be a conviction but result in an absolute discharge. Other considerations were medical evidence that there is no likelihood of recovery and because of his mental state any current risk of re-offending. It was therefore concluded that, on balance, there is not a public interest in commencing criminal proceedings.

Greville Janner, MP for Leicester from 1970-1997 when he became a Lord, was the subject of repeated allegations of sexual abuse in the past. He was named by Frank Beck, Leicestershire Children's home manager convicted of multiple counts of sexual abuse in 1991 (Kirkwood, 1993) and investigated by police on 3 previous occasions in 1991, 2002 and 2006. However, on no occasion was he charged, a situation acknowledged as flawed by the police and the CPS. The CPS has asked retired High Court Judge, Sir Richard Henriques, to conduct an independent review into the CPS decision making and handling of all past matters relating to the case.

April 29, 2015 In a report on Operation Outreach into allegations of sexual abuse by Jimmy Savile at Duncroft Approved School during the 1970s, Surrey police said that he carried out 46 sexual assaults on 22 pupils and one visitor. The offending ranged from non-consensual kissing to forced oral sex, with 25 offences committed the school or grounds, including in and around the principal's office, the entrance to the school, the communal TV room, the kitchen and the dining room. Of the abuse that took place off-site, 13 attacks were allegedly carried out in Savile's car.

April 29, 2015 Justice Goddard, Chair of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, announces that the Inquiry will conduct a full investigation into the issues surrounding the allegations of sexual abuse against Lord Janner. The investigation will examine and review:

- the conduct of all institutions that have played a role in the case from the outset, with a view to determining whether those institutions properly discharged their duties of care to protect children against sexual abuse and bring perpetrators to justice. This includes relevant local authorities, the relevant care home, the Home Office, Leicestershire police and the Crown Prosecution Service;
- the factual basis for the allegations and, in doing so, will seek evidence from relevant victims and witnesses. If the evidence permits findings of fact to be reached concerning the allegations against Lord Janner, the Inquiry will record and publish these findings;
- the allegations that improper attempts were made to influence the decision-making of relevant institutions by figures of public prominence;
- the previous police investigations and all relevant prosecutorial decisions.

As part of the process Justice Goddard will consider the medical evidence that has been provided to the DPP, and the prior statements made by Lord Janner, before deciding whether it is medically appropriate and/or whether there is any useful purpose to be served by seeking to interview him further.

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She may wish to commission her own expert advice on this matter.

April 30, 2015 The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) has confirmed that it will review how Leicestershire Police dealt with allegations of child abuse made against Lord Greville Janner in 1991, 2001 and 2006. The force referred itself to the IPCC over the matter in September 2014.

May 1, 2015 Publication of the independent review by former Court of Appeal Judge Dame Janet Smith (and Dame Linda Dobbs) into BBC culture and practices during the period of Savile and Hall's abuse is delayed at the request of the Metropolitan Police due to concerns it might prejudice ongoing criminal investigations. The Inquiry website advised that the report is completed but reluctantly it has been agreed that delivery to the BBC & publication will be delayed in view of the police request.

May 12, 2015 The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) publish the report of their inquiry of Sussex police's response to an allegation made by a woman on 3 March 2008 that Savile had sexually assaulted her in a caravan in Worthing in 1970.

It found that an opportunity to investigate and interview Savile at that time was missed because detectives failed to properly follow all lines of inquiry.

"While there was no evidence officers deliberately dissuaded the woman from pursuing her allegation, she felt reluctant to do so following contact with police... She showed considerable courage in coming forward but regrettably felt that the two officers who visited her had a negative attitude towards her pursuing her allegation" said IPCC Deputy Chair, Sarah Green.

The IPCC launched its investigation last September. Two other officers – a detective chief inspector and detective inspector – who had supervisory roles at the force in 2008 also received misconduct notices in relation to the time they took to pass information about allegations of sexual abuse by Savile at Duncroft School in the 1970s to other police forces. That report is yet to be published.

May 15, 2015 Heavily redacted documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, including police statements and letters on behalf of the then Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Sir Norman Skelhorn QC reveal that Victor Montagu, a right wing Tory MP and one-time political secretary to Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin was cautioned in 1972 for indecently assaulting a boy for nearly two years when he promised he would not see the victim again.

The files show that the boy was interviewed on 10 November 1972 after rumours that he was being sexually abused. Two police officers interviewed him under caution at his home in Dorset. He was later charged with two counts of indecently assaulting a male under 16 on a number of occasions between 31 December 1970 and November 1972.

However, when the chief constable of Dorset and Bournemouth wrote to the

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DPP for advice on the case, it was decided to caution rather than proceeding with a criminal trial in public. A note, from the DPP's office endorsing the decision, said the case was "borderline" but because Montagu was of "previous good character" and there was "no fear of repetition with this boy ... we could caution".

Mr. Montagu was a leading figure in the establishment. He was an MP for South Dorset from 1941 to 1962 and became a member of the Monday Club, a right- wing political pressure group in the 1960s. He inherited his father's seat and became the 10th Earl of Sandwich in 1964, a title he renounced to stand for parliament again as an independent.

Mr. Montagu's youngest son, Robert, wrote in his 2014 autobiography of his repeated sexual abuse by his father between the ages of 7 and 11. He said he knows 10 people who were abused by his father as children but believed there may be up to 20. He called for cases like this one to be included in the Goddard review currently underway.

May 16, 2015 A group who claim ex-Labour MP Lord Janner sexually abused them have been granted a review of the CPS decision not to prosecute him. The *CPS Victims' Right to Review Scheme* allows a complainant to request a charging decision be reconsidered. Whilst reviews are usually conducted by the CPS appeals unit, the CPS advised that "due to the unique circumstances surrounding this case, the CPS has instructed external counsel". Guidelines suggest that a review would normally take six weeks.

May 20, 2015 National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) lead on child protection, Chief Constable Simon Bailey, released figures of current historical child sex abuse investigations allegations against "prominent public persons" collated by Operation Hydrant. Operation Hydrant is not an investigation itself but gathers information from police forces in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

He advised that 1,433 suspects had been identified of whom 216 are deceased and 261 are classified as people of public prominence. 135 come from TV, film or radio, a further 76 are politicians, 43 from the music industry and 7 from sport.

A total of 666 claims relate to institutions, with 357 separate institutions identified. 154 of these are schools, 75 children's homes, 40 religious institutions, 14 medical establishments, 11 community institutions, 9 prisons, 9 sports venues and 28 other institutions, including military groups and guesthouses. A further 17 institutions are classified as unknown.

The figures relate to reports of abuse, or investigations of abuse, which police forces were dealing with in the summer of 2014.

There has been an increase of 71% in reports of all types of child sexual abuse since 2012, 116,000 reports in 2015. Of these, 52,446 are allegations

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of sexual abuse in the past, a 166% increase in reports of non-recent abuse.

June 29, 2015 The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) announces that Greville Janner will now face criminal proceedings for child sex offences. The reversal of the decision that it was not in the public interest to prosecute on health grounds, made in April, follows an application under Victims' Right to Review scheme, which allows victims to have their cases looked at again.

In May, six of the complainants in this case requested a formal Right to Review, and at the DPP's request David Perry QC was instructed to provide advice to inform the CPS review of the decision. The review concluded that it was in the public interest to bring proceedings before the Court.

In reaching that conclusion the review agreed that although there is sufficient evidence to prosecute it is right to assume that Lord Janner will be found unfit to plead and therefore not fit to instruct his legal team or to challenge or give evidence in a trial. There would therefore be a trial of facts, in which a jury is asked to decide, on the basis of evidence from prosecution lawyers and lawyers appointed by the Court to put the case for the defence, whether or not the accused did the acts he was charged with.

Because the defendant cannot put forward a defence, there can be no verdict of guilty and the court cannot pass sentence. In the event that the case was proven the most likely outcome of a trial of the facts would be an absolute discharge, which is neither punishment nor conviction.

Lord Jenner will face 22 charges for sexual offences committed between 1962 and 1988 against 9 boys.

July 3, 2015 Jailed publicist Max Clifford charged with one offence of indecent assault against an adult woman in 1981.

July 9, 2015 Justice Lowell Goddard opened the Independent inquiry into Child Abuse at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in London, saying: "This is the largest and most ambitious public inquiry ever established in England and Wales."

The inquiry will examine five key areas of state and non-state institutions:

- People of prominence in politics, the security and intelligence services, Special Branch and the media;
- Education and religion of all faiths, including specialist education, religious schools and private schools;
- Police and the Crown Prosecution Service, including allegations of failures to investigate and prosecute;
- Local authorities and voluntary organisations, including state-run children's homes, foster care and adoption services;
- National and private organisations, like the NHS, the Ministry of Defence and the armed forces, internet providers, insurance firms and media organisations.

Insurance companies that deny victims the truth to prevent compensation

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payouts, and internet providers who fail to tackle online abuse, will also be investigated.

Goddard said the panel had security clearance to examine sensitive documents and she vowed to hold as much as possible of the inquiry in public.

In public hearings a selected 25 cases in which particular patterns of institutional failings have been detected will be investigated in open sessions. These will include cases involving particular individuals who have been able to abuse across many institutions.

All allegations of child abuse will be passed to the police, via the overarching Operation Hydrant, which is coordinating more than 660 investigations across the country, including 261 into prominent individuals.

A key element of the Inquiry is the 'truth project'. This will be similar to the current Australian Royal Commission into Child Abuse, in which victims of abuse in the past, are encouraged to come forward and testify in private hearings. The gathering of testimony, often from people who have never disclosed their sexual abuse before, will be run out of six regional centres across England and Wales – and enable any victim of abuse in an institution to share their experience. A telephone hotline was opened for victims to contact the inquiry, and a website has been launched with full details of how to contact the panel (csa-inquiry.independent.gov.uk).

The Inquiry will be divided into three Core Projects:

- The Research Project, already underway under the guidance of Professor Jenny Pearce OBE and an Academic Advisory Board, involves a comprehensive literature review to bring together analysis of all the published work addressing institutional failures in child protection. Sector specific research will also be commissioned to better understand the scale of the problem and to identify recommendations for change;
- The Truth Project to allow victims and survivors of child sexual abuse to share their experiences with the Inquiry. The first Truth Project hearings are expected to start in October 2015; and
- The Public Hearings Project that will resemble a conventional public inquiry, where witnesses give evidence on oath and are subject to cross-examination.

Together, the evidence received in all three projects will inform the overall conclusions and recommendations of the Chair and the Panel.

The Inquiry has a budget of £17.9m from the Home Office for 2015/16 and is expected to last 5 years.

July 10, 2015 Comedian Freddie Starr's claim for slander and libel for statements that he had "groped" a 15-year-old girl while she was attending a

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Jimmy Savile show in 1974 is dismissed at the Royal Courts of Justice in London when a High Court Judge finds that the girl's account of what had happened was true on the balance of probabilities and that "She has proved that it was true that he groped her – an underage schoolgirl – and humiliated her by calling her a 'titless wonder'".

Starr sued Karin Ward, now 57, over interviews she gave to the BBC and ITV, and statements on a website and in an eBook, in which she said he assaulted her in Savile's dressing room. He had claimed £300,000 in damages for shows he said were cancelled because of Ward's allegations. Dismissing all of Starr's claims, the Judge ordered him to pay Ward's costs, estimated to be close to £1m, which the comedian must bear on top of his own legal fees.

In May last year, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) decided not to go ahead with criminal proceedings against Starr in relation to allegations by Ward and a further 13 complainants.

Ward was the first victim of Savile to speak out on camera, with journalists telling the Court that her courage had resulted in 500 other victims of Savile coming forward.

July 12, 2015 The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said that if the Goddard Inquiry does not investigate sexual abuse in the Church of England within six months he would instigate an "independently-led past cases review".

July 22, 2015 A supplement to the Wanless Review into whether allegations of child abuse were covered up by the Home Office in the 1980s is published online after government papers that would have been relevant are released months after the conclusion of the original review in November 2014. The Home Office said a fresh search of the archives had been carried out after a file emerged earlier in 2015 that should have been submitted to the report's authors, Chief Executive of the NSPCC Peter Wanless and barrister Richard Whittam. The supplement, dated 3rd June 2015, indicates that the new batch of papers was made available to Wanless and Whittam on 16 February and 24 March 2015.

The documents indicate that the then Director General of MI5, Sir Anthony Duff, corresponded with the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong, in 1986 about an unnamed MP who was alleged to have "a penchant for small boys" but accepted the politician's word that he did not.

The letter added: "At the present stage ... the risks of political embarrassment to the government is rather greater than the security danger."

Other files concern figures including former Home Secretary Leon Brittan, Margaret Thatcher's Parliamentary Private Secretary, the late Sir Peter Morrison, former diplomat Sir Peter Hayman and former minister Sir William van Straubenzee. The papers pertaining to Brittan will be passed to the ongoing independent inquiry into child abuse in state and non-state institutions led by Justice Lowell Goddard. The papers also contain material on allegations by a former British army intelligence agent, Colin Wallace,

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about the Kincora boys' home in Northern Ireland, which has long been at the centre of abuse claims.

There followed a political row as victims' advocates called for the Kincora files to be considered by the Goddard Inquiry whilst the Northern Ireland Secretary Theresa Villiers insisted they should be dealt with by the ongoing Northern Ireland Inquiry (HIA). A key difference is that unlike the Goddard Inquiry, the HIA would not have the power to compel MI5 to give evidence.

In a joint letter written in June, Wanless and Whittam called for a broader search of material at government departments after the Cabinet Office and Home Office informed them that further relevant material had been found. They said the discovery illustrated the merit of a wide-ranging search "unconstrained by what the Home Office in particular might or might not have known, with departments paying particular attention to relevant material that is not registered. We anticipate that the independent inquiry into child sexual abuse chaired by Justice Goddard would expect no less".

They revealed that the Cabinet Office permanent secretary, Richard Heaton, wrote to Wanless in May 2015 apologising for a "flaw in the way the Cabinet Office initially responded" to their request for documents, and confirming that three categories of papers have since been identified as potentially relevant. "We are concerned and disappointed that the Cabinet Office was aware of the separate Cabinet Office store of assorted and unstructured papers, yet informed us that the searches covered all records and files held," the note said.

It has also emerged that the Home Office failed to review unregistered government documents held at the National Archives for the Wanless review. They were only searched later following a request from MP John Hemming and a national newspaper.

July 30, 2015 Northamptonshire Police announce that their enquires into claims the former Rochdale MP Cyril Smith was found with child abuse images in his car boot has been closed due to a lack of evidence. It is understood the Liberal MP, who died in 2010, was stopped on the M1 in Northamptonshire during the 1980s. It was claimed that he was then released after making a telephone call to an unidentified third party in London.

Northamptonshire Police said no witnesses had been found and no reports of the alleged incident were uncovered. Detectives said they had interviewed the Rochdale MP who made the allegation, Simon Danczuk, two former Chief Constables, about 60 police staff, a journalist who has written extensively about Smith, and several members of the public. Special Branch "had undertaken a manual trawl of their archives" and the Crown Prosecution Service had also searched its archives "for relevant information" but had found nothing. The force said the cold case would be reopened if more information came to light.

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August 3, 2015 The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is to investigate allegations that Wiltshire Police dropped a prosecution against a woman accused of a serious offence in the 1990s after she threatened to name former Prime Minister Edward Heath as being involved in child sexual abuse.

She was later convicted of controlling prostitutes after a successful prosecution by Wiltshire Police and jailed for 6 years after a trial which included allegations that she had supplied children as young as 13 to her clients.

In addition to this allegation, the IPCC will examine whether Wiltshire Police subsequently took any steps to investigate the claims regarding Mr. Heath. It was reported that detectives have spoken to a man who says Mr. Heath abused him as a child on several occasions.

The allegations were referred to the IPCC by Wiltshire Police following allegations from a retired senior officer.

August 4, 2015 It is revealed that a total of five police forces (the Met, Hampshire, Jersey, Kent and Wiltshire police) are investigating claims of historical child sexual abuse involving former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath, who died in 2005.

The Metropolitan police are looking at Mr. Heath as part of Operation Midland, its inquiry into claims of historical child sex abuse by establishment figures. The States of Jersey Police has confirmed Heath forms part of Operation Whistle, its investigation into historical allegations of abuse. It says some of the allegations relate to abuse "within institutions or by people of public prominence". Kent Police said it had received a report of a sexual assault having been committed in East Kent in the 1960s and that the victim had named Sir Edward Heath in connection with the allegation.

August 5, 2015 Two further police forces, Gloucestershire and Thames Valley, announce they are also investigating claims of abuse by Edward Heath bringing the total number of police forces with ongoing investigations to seven.

In further developments it transpires that the investigation by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) inquiry is into claims that witnesses in the court case against Myra Forde, the previously unnamed person who was alleged to have threatened to reveal information about Sir Edward Heath and abuse of boys, were persuaded to withdraw their planned testimony in order to stop the exposure of Mr Heath.

Through her solicitor Mrs. Forde denied ever having any information regarding Mr Heath. Subsequently Nigel Seed QC, the prosecution barrister in the 1992 case, said he had been told at the time that Mrs. Forde intended to accuse Mr. Heath of using male sex workers in her trial but that the case was dropped because three witnesses in the case refused to give evidence. Mr Seed said there was no suggestion to him that the men were underage or "anything

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more than male prostitutes” and furthermore these were “unsubstantiated assertions”.

August 10, 2015 Myra Forde contradicts her previous statement about her involvement with Edward Heath by telling Channel 4 News that she did find the former Prime Minister men to have sex with, but insisted she did not believe he had any interest in children: "I'd like to put it straight that he's not a paedophile. He's just an old sad, gay man. I gave him company and he was happy. He never asked me for children, and I never supplied anybody young boys."

August 11, 2015 A nationally coordinated police investigation into claims that the former prime minister Edward Heath sexually abused children led by Wiltshire Police has been established in order to ensure a "consistent approach" across the seven police forces (Kent, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Jersey, London, Gloucestershire and Thames Valley) now known to be investigating allegations.

Prior to this decision a spokesman for the National Police Chiefs' Council had said: "Staff from Operation Hydrant are working closely with relevant forces to assess the extent of reported information concerning the late Sir Edward Heath, and at the conclusion of that process a lead force will be appointed to oversee the police investigations."

The approach to be adopted by the investigation

Under active consideration are the options for the approach to be taken. A limited inquiry would avoid a longer and costlier full criminal investigation as it could establish if any abuse had happened on a balance of probabilities. Those favouring a limited inquiry believe it might give potential victims validation more quickly than a full criminal investigation and would mean that any victims would be able to apply for criminal injuries compensation.

Police Chiefs have differing views on this. One supporter of a limited investigation said of the former prime minister: "He is dead and not a threat to anyone else", adding that the emotion surrounding historical child abuse cases may deter police from taking this route. Another source said there were good reasons for a full investigation: "Are there accomplices out there who are still free?"

If, on the other hand, the police launched a full criminal inquiry they would be committing to a long and complex investigation that would be prolonged by the need to build a case to the criminal standard of beyond reasonable doubt. The main advantage of this approach is that it might avoid any fresh cover-up claims against the police, and if offences have been committed could ascertain whether Mr. Heath had any living accomplices.

Under the terms of official guidance, investigators and police chiefs faced with inquiring into allegations of historical sex abuse can refuse a full criminal investigation. Other issues could be picked up by other agencies or inquiries; for example, the Independent Police Complaints Commission investigating

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whether other police forces had covered up the allegations against the former prime minister, or had failed to investigate them, and the reasons why.

August 10, 2015 The BBC reports that the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) has issued a statement that "An IPCC investigation has concluded that a former West Yorkshire Police officer has no case to answer over allegations that he "acted on behalf" of Jimmy Savile by inappropriately contacting Surrey Police ahead of a 2009 police interview about allegations of sexual abuse by Savile at Duncroft School.

In 2013 West Yorkshire Police was ordered by the IPCC to refer the conduct of the officer to the IPCC for investigation.

August 14, 2015 Greville Janner appears in Court for the first time over historical child sex abuse charges. His attendance followed protracted legal wrangling intended to avoid the need for him to appear. The 87-year-old, who has dementia, appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court for less than a minute.

Lord Janner faces 22 charges spanning the 1960s to the 1980s (15 counts of indecent assault and seven counts of a separate sexual offence, against a total of nine complainants) and was told his case would be sent to Crown Court.

September 17, 2015 The IPCC announces 12 more investigations into the allegations of Metropolitan police's corruption in the handling of child abuse claims handling of abuse claims in addition to the 17 announced earlier this year. A further allegation has been made against Essex police, bringing the total to 30.

The majority of the investigations stem from allegations made by retired Met officers, including allegations that special branch and senior police officers intervened to block investigations into VIPs and politicians.

September 18, 2015 The Metropolitan Police announces it is creating a team of 90 officers and staff to tackle the increasing workload resulting from allegations of historical child abuse. The new team will handle 29 separate allegations that previous inquiries were blocked because prominent people were identified as suspects. It will also deal with work resulting from Justice Lowell Goddard's child abuse public inquiry.

October 2, 2015 DJ Neil Fox appeared in court charged with six new historical sex offences, taking the number of his alleged victims to nine. He denied the six offences of indecent assault relating to three girls aged under 16 years which took place between 1987 and 1988. A hearing on 6 October will decide where a trial for the new alleged offences will take place.

He has previously denied seven counts of indecent assault and two counts of sexual touching without consent, for which he is due to stand trial on 5

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November 2015.

October 19, 2015 The Metropolitan Police has brought all its ongoing historical child sex abuse investigations under the control of one team in view of Operations Midland and Fairbank having identified "people and locations" in common and because it was "operationally important" to have the same officer in charge.

The merged operation, which will investigate child abuse and allegations of police cover-ups and support the Goddard Inquiry, will be led by a Detective Superintendent from the Met's sexual offences, exploitation and child abuse (SOECA) unit.

Operation Midland is an inquiry into claims of child abuse by establishment figures, while Operation Fairbank is a wider child abuse inquiry.

October 20, 2015 Former celebrity publicist Max Clifford pleaded not guilty via video link at Southwark Crown Court to indecently assaulting a 17-year-old girl between October 1981 and May 1982 at his Mayfair office in central London. His trial, which is expected to last four weeks,

will start on 13 June, 2016. It had been due to take place in February 2016, but was adjourned after an application from the defence team.

November 4, 2015 The Northern Ireland Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry (HIA) announced that a further six institutions are to be investigated, bringing the total number to 22.

The inquiry, due to complete its work by July 2016, was established in 2013 to investigate child abuse in residential institutions in Northern Ireland over a 73-year period, up to 1995.

November 17, 2015 Paul Gadd, better known as pop star Gary Glitter, lost an appeal against conviction for sexually abusing three young girls at the Court of Appeal. In response to legal argument that media coverage had made a fair trial impossible the three Judges said there was nothing "unsafe" about the conviction.

The 71-year-old was jailed for 16 years in February 2015 for offences between 1975 and 1980.

November 27, 2015 Justice Lowell Goddard, Chair of the 'Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse' announced the Inquiry's first 12 investigations in the first phase of inquiring into the extent to which institutions failed to protect children from sexual abuse. They will begin immediately and most, if not all, will culminate in public hearings. Procedural timetables for each investigation are to be published early in 2016.

The 12 investigations are:

- Children in the Care of Lambeth Council
- Children in the Care of Nottinghamshire Councils

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- Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale Council
- Child Sexual Abuse in the Anglican Church
- Child Sexual Abuse in the Roman Catholic Church
- The Sexual Abuse of Children in Custodial Institutions
- Child Sexual Abuse in Residential Schools
- The Internet and Child Sexual Abuse
- Child Exploitation by Organised Networks
- The Protection of Children outside the United Kingdom
- Accountability and Reparations for Victims and Survivors
- Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse linked to Westminster

She said that while some of the investigations may be completed within 18 months, others might take several years to conclude. In some cases, overlapping criminal proceedings may cause substantial delay to the progress of individual investigations. However she indicated that the initial assessment of a five year timeframe for completion of the Inquiry's work is still realistic.

December 1, 2015 Figures from Operation Hydrant, established earlier in 2015 to oversee the investigation of allegations of "non-recent" child sex abuse within institutions or by people of public prominence, show that the total number currently under investigation to be 2,228. This includes 302 people of "public prominence", comprising 99 politicians, 39 individuals from the music industry, 17 from sport and 147 from television, film or radio. Of the overall total 286 are dead and 554 are classified as unknown or unidentified 1,217 individuals are alleged to have offended in organisations. A total of 1,761 institutions are now on the Operation Hydrant database, including 288 schools and 204 children's homes, 86 religious institutions, 39 medical establishments, 25 prisons or young offenders' institutions, 22 sports venues, 10 community institutions, such as youth clubs and 81 others, such as guest houses. A further six institutions are classified as unknown.

Operation Hydrant does not conduct investigations itself, but gathers information from other inquiries carried out by police forces in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

December 7, 2015 Mr Justice Openshaw, a High Court judge, rules that Greville Janner is unfit to stand trial over allegations of child sexual abuse. He said that the 87-year-old peer had "advanced and disabling dementia that has deteriorated and is irreversible." The judge's ruling was made on the basis that Lord Janner would not be able to understand the charges against him, instruct lawyers or enter a plea.

Lord Janner is accused of 15 counts of indecent assault and seven counts of a separate sexual offence against a total of nine alleged victims, from 1963 to 1998. Twenty-one of the charges relate to children who were aged 16 or under at the time. A "trial of the facts" is scheduled take place in April 2016, when a jury will decide if he committed the abuse without a finding of guilt or conviction.

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December 11, 2015 The findings of the Macur Review, which began taking evidence in 2013 about the adequacy of the Waterhouse inquiry into historical child abuse at former children's homes in North Wales, has been submitted to the UK government.

The Review was established following widespread concern that the Waterhouse Inquiry, which looked into the abuse of children in care between 1974 and 1996, focused solely on abuse by staff and did not consider allegations about children being abused by external offenders. The Waterhouse report "Lost in Care" was published in 2000.

Operation Pallial, a separate police investigation running in parallel with the Macur Review, is investigating new allegations of historic child abuse, some from victims previously known about and some from those who have come forward for the first time.

December 14, 2015 DJ Neil Fox cleared of eight indecent assaults and two sexual assaults between 1988 and 2014 at Westminster Magistrates' Court. Delivering a finding of fact and not guilty verdict at the conclusion of the trial Senior District Judge Howard Riddle, the Chief Magistrate in the case, commented "It was a strong case and one that needed to be brought to the court for determination."

December 16, 2015 Former broadcaster Stuart Hall, 85, is released from prison after serving half of his sentence for sexual abuse. He was imprisoned in 2013 after admitting indecently assaulting 13 girls, one as young as nine, between 1967 and 1985. His original 15 month sentence in 2013 was doubled by the Court of Appeal after the judge said it had been "unduly lenient" given the impact on his victims. His was sentenced to an additional two years and six months in 2014 when he pleaded guilty to two counts of indecently assaulting a teenage girl.

December 19, 2015 Greville Janner, the former Labour peer, died at the age of 87 after suffering progressive dementia. Initial reports indicated that legally the "trial of the facts" would no longer proceed. However, the Crown Prosecution Service subsequently stated that "the procedural implications" of the case were being considered and that no further comment would be made until a court hearing no sooner than January 11 2016, when the High Court returns from the Christmas recess.

December 27, 2015 The cost of three separate investigations in 2015 into allegations of historical child sexual abuse by celebrities and politicians by Scotland Yard has been nearly £5m the Metropolitan Police disclosed in response to a Freedom of Information request.

Specifically, Operation Midland, the inquiry into claims that a Westminster paedophile ring murdered three boys in the 70s and 80s, had cost almost £2m. The investigation was brought under the control of a new umbrella inquiry in October after failing to uncover evidence that key establishment figures were involved. Operation Yewtree, the inquiry into sexual abuse by

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Jimmy Savile and others had cost £2.2m. The third operation, Fairbank, an umbrella inquiry considering whether to launch full-scale investigations into specific allegations, had cost £550,000.

At the end of September 2015 a total of 83 members of police staff were working on the three inquiries.

January 15, 2016 Having received formal evidence of the death of Greville Janner, Mr Justice Openshaw brought proceedings to an end, concluding criminal proceedings against Lord Janner.

In April 2015, the Director of Public Prosecutions had commissioned an independent inquiry into the handling of past allegations of sexual abuse by Janner and that will now be published "at the earliest opportunity."

The Goddard Inquiry announced that as criminal proceedings were now ended, the Inquiry will resume its investigation into the allegations of sexual abuse made against him.

January 19, 2016 A report by retired High Court Judge Richard Henriques into CPS decision making and handling of allegations against Lord Janner was published. The report, commissioned in April 2015, is critical of the Police for mishandling investigations into allegations about the peer in 1991, 2002 and 2007 and of CPS decision making at critical points.

Specifically the report found:

- The decision not to charge Lord Janner in 1991 was wrong, as there had been sufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction for offences of indecent assault and buggery. In addition, the police investigation had been inadequate and no charging decision should have been taken by the CPS until the police had undertaken further inquiries.
- In 2002, allegations were not supplied by the police to the CPS and so no prosecution had been possible.
- There was sufficient evidence to prosecute Janner for indecent assault and buggery in 2007 He should have been arrested and interviewed and his home searched.

January 20, 2016 A Serious Case Review into abuse by William Vahey, a teacher at Southbank International School, is published. Vahey had drugged and sexually assaulted at least 54 male pupils, typically aged 12-14, whilst on school trips. Vahey killed himself in March 2014 when his offending was exposed.

January 20, 2016 The Exaro investigative journalism website published extracts from a leaked draft of the independent review by former Court of Appeal Judge Dame Janet Smith (and Dame Linda Dobbs) into BBC culture and practices during the period of Savile's and Hall's abuse. The Inquiry indicated that the draft was 12 months old and that the report had changed in the interim.

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Publication of the report had initially been delayed to avoid prejudicing the retrial of Dave Lee Travis in 2014. However, in December 2014 it was reported that the Review was still being approached by witnesses and receiving evidence material to its Terms of Reference. In March 2015 it was stated that the review had been in contact with approximately 740 people and interviewed, 540 in connection with the investigation into Jimmy Savile and over 131 in relation to Stuart Hall.

The report was then due for publication in May 2015 but, although completed, its publication was delayed at the request of the Metropolitan Police due to concerns it might prejudice ongoing criminal investigations. Following the Exaro leak the Inquiry indicated the report would be published before the end of February 2016.

January 20, 2016 Publication of the report of the inquiry into Jimmy Savile's contact with Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital with "no allegation of harm or abuse" in connection with Jimmy Savile. Two reported visits by Savile to Guy's Hospital were identified: one in 1980 when he is said to have visited a children's ward unaccompanied at night time and a second visit when he is known to have opened the Guy's Nuffield House private unit in 1990. During the 1980 visit no allegations were identified. During the 1990 visit the report found that "two staff members recalled accounts of what would be deemed inappropriate behaviours to themselves, including being over familiar, touching and kissing them. His behaviours were not acceptable but staff at the time did not report or necessarily make an objection to it."

February 7, 2016 A review by Deputy Chief Constable James Vaughan from Dorset Police found that the Metropolitan Police investigation of a rape allegation against the late Lord Brittan was "fully justified" and that the alleged victim's account was "far from fanciful".

Whilst identifying procedural weaknesses it found that the case was examined by "skilful and tenacious" investigators and that there were "ample reasonable grounds" for an interview and the inquiry couldn't have properly progressed without it. The review agreed that ultimately the case was more "likely to lead to acquittal than conviction" – so below the threshold for bringing a prosecution.

Lord Brittan, whose career included two years as home secretary in Margaret Thatcher's government, died in January 2015 aged 75, unaware that the inquiry against him had been dropped.

February 10, 2016 Former High Court judge Sir Richard Henriques, who undertook the review into CPS decision making and handling of allegations against Lord Janner, has been asked by Metropolitan Police commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe to review the Met Police's handling of cases involving claims of historical child abuse by public figures and make recommendations about whether there are ways to improve procedures.

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The Judge's review, which will look at police procedure rather than evidence, will contain confidential and sensitive information and will be a private report, with key findings and recommendations will be made public later in 2016.

The Operation Midland inquiry into a 1970s and 1980s paedophile ring is among inquiries that will be examined. Judge Lowell Goddard, who is chairing the wide-ranging independent inquiry into child sex abuse, had been notified of the review.

February 12, 2016 Rolf Harris charged with seven further counts of indecent assault. The alleged offences date from 1971 to 2004 and relate to seven complainants aged between 12 and 27 at the time of the alleged incidents.

The Met Police said the charges were:

- Indecent assault on a girl under the age of 14 between 10 and 11 July 1971
- Indecent assault on a girl under the age of 14 between 1 January 1977 and 31 December 1977
- Indecent assault on a woman aged 16 or over on 17 September 1977
- Indecent assault on a woman aged 16 or over between 1 June 1978 and 31 July 1978
- Indecent assault on a girl under the age of 14 on 31 December 1983
- Indecent assault on a woman aged 16 or over between 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2002
- Indecent assault on a woman aged 16 or over between 27 April 2004 and 30 April 2004

February 25, 2016 Publication of the Dame Janet Smith independent review by former Court of Appeal Judge Dame Janet Smith into the behaviour, culture and practices of the BBC during the period of Jimmy Savile's career. Because of a potential conflict of interest in relation to Stuart Hall the parallel inquiry relating to Stuart Hall and the BBC was conducted by Dame Linda Dobbs, but published as part of the Dame Janet Smith Inquiry report. A summary of both reports will appear in NOTANews.

March 9, 2016 The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse began a preliminary hearing into the late Labour peer Lord Janner with legal submissions about the scope of Justice Goddard's investigations. In setting out the scope of the investigation, she said she would consider whether or not the allegations against Lord Janner are "well-founded". If allegations meet this test she will go on to consider whether the various authorities concerned had failed in their responsibilities.

March 17, 2016 85-year-old former entertainer Rolf Harris pleaded not guilty to eight allegations of indecent assault against seven girls and women who were aged between 12 and 27 between 1971 and 2004. He is accused of:

- Indecent assault on a girl under the age of 14 at the Lyceum Theatre in London in 1971
- Indecent assault on a girl under the age of 14 outside Radio Victory in Portsmouth in 1977
- Indecent assault on a disabled woman over the age of 16 outside a

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London hospital in 1977

- Indecent assault on a woman over the age of 16 at Jesus Green in Cambridge in 1978
- Indecent assault on a girl under the age of 14 at BBC Television Centre in Wood Lane in 1983
- Indecent assault on a woman over the age of 16 at Terminal's Studios in London in 2002
- Indecent assault on a woman over the age of 16, and an alternate charge of sexual touching on a female aged 13 or over, at BBC Television Centre in Wood Lane in 2004.

The case was remitted to Southwark Crown Court.

March 21, 2016 The Metropolitan Police reported that they have closed Operation Midland, which was investigating claims that boys were abused by a group of powerful men from politics, the military and law enforcement agencies at locations across southern England and in London in the 1970s and 1980s. Operation Midland was established in November 2014 and cost over £1.8m.

The investigation was triggered by allegations made by a man in his 40s who claimed he was abused for nine years from 1975, when he was seven until 1984. More people came forward to provide information but there was not enough evidence for anyone to be charged. Police said there was there was nothing to prove any complainant had knowingly misled them.

May 10, 2016 South Yorkshire Police reported that they had sent a file of evidence regarding the singer Sir Cliff Richard and allegations of historical sexual assault to the Crown Prosecution Service who will now decide whether to bring charges.

The singer, 75, was interviewed in 2014 and 2015 by South Yorkshire Police investigating a claim of a sex crime involving a young boy in the 1980s. He has never been arrested and has always denied the claims.

May 12, 2016 An IPCC investigation into Wiltshire Police found no evidence to support the suggestion that a prosecution of brothel owner Myra Ling Ling Forde, in February 1994, was not pursued because of a threat by the defendant to allege publicly that she had supplied the former Prime Minister, Edward Heath, with males under the age of consent for sex if the trial went ahead. The investigation concluded that the trial against Ms Forde was stopped by the prosecution as it was no longer considered viable when their witnesses would not attend court or refused to give evidence for reasons unrelated to the allegation about Mr Heath.

May 13, 2016 CPS director Alison Saunders issued a notice to police advising that, as deceased persons cannot be prosecuted, the CPS will not consider files of evidence on dead suspects. The advice states that police may want to continue an investigation if a suspect dies during an inquiry because living

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suspects could be linked to the dead person. However, Ms. Saunders said, CPS lawyers would not be giving hypothetical advice on whether the deceased could have been charged.

May 19, 2016 Simon Bailey, head of the national coordinating unit Operation Hydrant, reports that cases of child sexual abuse in England and Wales are being passed to police by the Goddard inquiry (IICSA) at a rate of 100 a month. He said his team was expecting to be given 30,000 reports of new child sexual offences by the end of the inquiry.

June 16, 2016 The Crown Prosecution Service has decided that no further action should be taken against Cliff Richard who was investigated by South Yorkshire Police for allegations of non-recent sexual abuse. They stated that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute evidence relating to claims of non-recent sexual offences dating between 1958 and 1983 made by four men.

July 4, 2016 Susan O'Brien QC, Chair of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, resigned with immediate effect. Following concerns expressed about comments she made during a training event in February, which she refuted, Ms. O'Brien said the government had "sought to micro-manage and control the inquiry", had "undermined" her and threatened to sack her when she resisted. Fellow panellist Professor Michael Lamb also resigned citing similar concerns.

July 7, 2016 Former celebrity publicist Max Clifford, 73, was cleared of indecently assaulting a 17-year-old girl by a jury at Southwark Crown Court. He was accused of indecently assaulting the girl between October 1981 and May 1982 at his Mayfair offices in London. Clifford is serving an eight-year jail sentence after being convicted in May 2014 of eight counts of indecent assault against 7 girls or young women between 1977 & 1984.

July 27, 2016 Senior judge Lady Anne Smith as the new Chair of the Scottish government's child abuse inquiry. The appointment follows the resignation, citing government interference in the inquiry, of Susan O'Brien QC, earlier this month. A second member of the three-person panel, Professor Michael Lamb, also resigned over similar concerns.

July 29, 2016 Rolf Harris, 86, currently serving five years and nine months' imprisonment, is to be tried for further historical sexual assaults on seven females aged 12- 27 between 1974 and 2004. The trial is due to start on 9 January 2017 and expected to last four weeks.

August 4, 2016 Judge Lowell Goddard, Chair of the Independent Inquiry into Institutional Child Abuse (IICSA) resigns, saying that the inquiry was beset with a "legacy of failure" and should be reformulated in order to succeed. She later suggested that a separate 'Truth Commission', as used in the Australian Royal Commission, would enable survivors experience to feed in but make the IICSA a more manageable project.

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August 4, 2016 Professor Alexis Jay, who led the Rotherham abuse inquiry, is announced as the new Chair of the Inquiry into Institutional Abuse in Child Sexual Abuse in England and Wales.

Professor Jay was already among the panel of advisers taking part in the independent investigation into claims made against public and private institutions.

January 20, 2017 The **Northern Ireland Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry** (HIA), the Hart Inquiry, examining allegations of child abuse in children's homes and other residential institutions in Northern Ireland from 1922 to 1995 publishes its report.

February 8, 2017 Following a trial for historical sexual assaults on seven females aged 12- 27 between 1974 and 2004, Rolf Harris, 86, currently serving five years and nine months' imprisonment, was acquitted on three charges: indecently assaulting a young autograph hunter on a visit to a Portsmouth radio station with her mother at the end of the 1970s; groping a blind, disabled woman at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London in 1977, and sexually assaulting a woman in her 40s after filming a TV show in 2004.

The jury did not reach a verdict on the four other counts.

February 15, 2017 The Crown Prosecution Service announce that Rolf Harris will be retried on three sexual offence charges on which a jury were last week unable to reach a verdict, and will face one new count. The charges relate to alleged incidents involving a 14-year-old girl at the Lyceum theatre in London's West End in 1971, a 16-year-old during the filming of ITV's Star Games in 1978, and a 13-year-old in the green room of the BBC's Saturday Superstore in 1983. One count of indecent assault, relating to a 19-year-old backing singer at a rehearsal studio in London, has been dropped. The retrial is scheduled for 15 May.

May 15, 2017 Rolf Harris re-trial begins at Southwark Crown Court, London. He denies four charges of indecent assault against three girls between 1971 and 1983.

May 19, 2017 Rolf Harris, 87, is released from Stafford prison having served almost three years of a custodial sentence of five years and nine months. Having previously appeared at his current trial by videolink, Mr. Harris will now attend in person.

May 25, 2017 Former music mogul Jonathan King, 72, is charged with 18 sexual offences relating to nine boys aged 14 to 16 between 1970 and 1986. Mr King was been released on bail to appear at Westminster Magistrates Court on 26 June, 2017.

In September 2001 he was convicted on four counts of indecent assault, one of buggery and one of attempted buggery, against five boys aged 14 and 15, committed between 1983 and 1987. He was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. In 2003 the Court of Appeal rejected his application to appeal

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both the conviction and the sentence. He appealed twice unsuccessfully to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and was released on parole in March 2005. In a second trial he was found not guilty after an alleged victim acknowledged that he could have been over 16 at the time. Three further trials that had been scheduled were ordered abandoned. Mr. King continues to maintain his innocence.

In September 2015, King was arrested as part of Operation Ravine, an investigation into claims of sexual abuse at the Walton Hop disco in Surrey in the 1970s and released on bail. His May 2017 arrest was part of an investigation under the same police operation.

May 30, 2017 The jury are discharged after failing to agree a verdict in the retrial of Rolf Harris in relation to alleged incidents involving a 14-year-old girl at the Lyceum theatre in London's West End in 1971, a 16-year-old during the filming of ITV's Star Games in 1978, and a 13-year-old in the green room of the BBC's Saturday Superstore in 1983.

The Crown Prosecution Service announce that they will not seek a further retrial.

Future Reports – a Summary

A number of reports are still to be completed. On 26 February 2015 three new investigations were announced in relation to De La Pole Hospital, Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals Trust; and Moss Side and Ashworth Hospitals, Merseycare Trust.

The total number of reports published or forthcoming from the DoH and DfE combined is now an extraordinary total of 75.

Police and other Child Sexual Abuse Related Inquires

There are a number of other inquiries and investigations currently underway:

Scotland Care Inquiry A statutory public inquiry into historical abuse of children in Care established by the Scottish Government following scandals involving child abuse in institutions including those run by the Catholic Church. It was originally chaired by Susan O'Brien, QC, replaced by senior judge Lady Anne Smith in July 2016.

Jersey Care inquiry The Oldham Inquiry, begun in July 2014, is investigating historical abuse claims in Jersey's care system from 1960 to the present day. A report is not expected sooner than late 2016.

Operation Pallial inquiry was an investigation operated by the National Crime Agency into allegations of historical abuse between 1953 and 1995 at 28 children's homes in North Wales. It was established in November 2012, with 340 people making contact, and at the time of its closure was investigating 48 complaints. Eight men have been convicted, including care home owner John Allen, jailed for life in 2014. Operation Pallial will remain active, supporting victims and survivors through future trials and giving advice in relation to 27

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suspects. North Wales Police will look into allegations made after 31 August.

Operation Hydrant

Not an inquiry but a coordination hub, led by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), to oversee the array of inquiries into allegations of child sexual abuse within institutions or by people of public prominence.

Operations Fairbank/ Fernbridge/ Athabasca/ Cayacos:

Operation Fairbank was an umbrella inquiry that served as a scoping exercise by the Met Police to establish whether there was sufficient evidence for a formal inquiry.

Operation Fernbridge was subsequently launched in Feb 2013 to investigate allegations about a paedophile network linked to Parliament and Number 10 Downing Street. It investigated allegations of abuse in the early 1980s at Grafton Close Children's Home in west London, and at Elm Guest House in Barnes, south-west London. In connection with Grafton Close, two people were charged with offences. One, the former manager of the Children's Home, was found dead weeks before the start of the trial and the other, Catholic priest Father Anthony McSweeney, was found guilty of sexually abusing a teenage boy and jailed for 3 years in March 2015. The operation has been closed and investigations into Elm Guest House taken up by Operation Athabasca.

Operation Athabasca, established in March 2015 after the sentencing of Father McSweeney, took over from Fernbridge in investigating allegations about a paedophile network centred on Elm Guest House in Barnes, south-west London in the 1970s and early 1980s.

Operation Cayacos is investigating allegations of a paedophile ring linked to convicted paedophile Peter Righton - a founding member of the Paedophile Information Exchange, which campaigned to legalise sex between adults and children.

Operation Whistle, launched in June 2015, is looking into 45 suspects and 4 institutions in Jersey.

Operation Jaguar – Sir Cyril Smith

Greater Manchester police took overall command of the investigation into allegations of sexual abuse made against the late Sir Cyril Smith, who died in 2010. He was the subject of allegations and investigations over decades during his career, first as a prominent local councillor in Rochdale and later as the town's Liberal MP. He was never prosecuted. It has been claimed he abused teenagers at Cambridge House, a privately run "hostel for working boys" in Rochdale, and raped boys at Knowl View residential school in the town.

Operation Clifton (Cyril Smith/Rochdale)

On 7 July 2014, Greater Manchester Police said it was considering widening

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its inquiry into claims of a cover-up involving child abuse at Knowl View School, Rochdale.

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