

Makin Recommendations Task and Finish Group
Victim/Survivor Members
Role description

Remuneration:	This is a voluntary role. Reasonable travel and other expenses will be covered, and an honorarium will be offered for the time and commitment to the group and its activities, in accordance with the Survivor Participation expenses and honorarium policy.
Location:	Online, using video conferencing software.
Time commitment:	A total of eight Task and Finish Group meetings of no more than three hours each, taking place in normal business hours. In the first three months, the Task and Finish Group will meet every month, and thereafter every second month.
Duration:	12 months
Key relationships:	Other members of the Makin Recommendations Task and Finish Group National Safeguarding Steering Group National Safeguarding Team's Survivor Participation Team

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Aims and objectives

The purpose of the Makin Recommendations Task and Finish Group is to advise the Church of England about how it should respond to the recommendations made by Keith Makin. Between 2019 and 2024, Keith Makin led an Independent Learning Lessons Review into the Church's handling of allegations of serious abuse made against John Smyth; the Makin Report contains 27 recommendations for the Church of England. It is important to include victims/survivors of Church-related abuse in this Task and Finish Group, to ensure that the Church takes the right actions to fully implement the recommendations made in the Makin Report. In particular, individuals who were directly affected by the abuse committed by John Smyth can make a major contribution to the work of the Task and Finish Group.

The Task and Finish Group will:

- Identify which bodies within the Church of England are responsible for implementing recommendations made in the Makin Report.
- Advise the National Safeguarding Steering Group whether each recommendation should be corporately accepted by the Church of England.

- Review work which has already taken place relating to each accepted recommendation, and advise the National Safeguarding Steering Group to what extent each recommendation has already been implemented.
- Advise the National Safeguarding Steering Group what further work should be undertaken in order to fully implement each accepted recommendation, and what factors should be considered in the delivery of this work.

Roles and responsibilities

The role of the victim/survivor members of the Makin Recommendations Task and Finish Group is to:

- Attend Task and Finish Group meetings, and contribute personal perspectives to the discussion;
- Review meeting documentation in advance and provide feedback based on personal experience;
- Advise the wider Task and Finish Group about what further engagement with victims/survivors should be undertaken;
- Work collectively with other Task and Finish Group members to provide advice to the National Safeguarding Steering Group.

All activities and developments involving the volunteer survivor members or any other victim and survivor will be run in alignment with the [National Survivor Participation Framework](#).

Person specification

We are looking for members who:

Essential

- Are a victim/survivor/individual with lived experience of abuse in any form within the Church of England and/or any other relevant context or setting;
- Are committed to helping the Church of England learn from its mistakes and improve its safeguarding practice to make the Church a safer place for all;
- Have strong inter-personal skills, an ability to listen, engage effectively, and work collaboratively;
- Can communicate effectively, expressing their own views and engage constructively with other perspectives;
- Can review documents and provide written feedback;
- Can work appropriately with confidential and personal information; and
- Can commit sufficient time to group membership;
- Can commit to abide by the expectations for conduct collectively agreed by Task and Finish Group members.

Desirable

- Are known to the National Safeguarding Team to have personal experience of the abuse committed by John Smyth.

Membership in this group may involve discussing potentially distressing issues. Applicants must be aware that emotional resilience will be required in these circumstances. Access to support services, including those within and external to the Church, will be made available to participants when required.

Terms

The Makin Recommendations Task and Finish Group will run for no more than twelve months. Victim/survivor members are expected to commit for all of that period.

Equalities

The Church recognises the value of people from a diversity of backgrounds who are able to contribute their particular experience and expertise to the Task and Finish Group. Therefore, no applicant will receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, disability, gender and transgender status, race and ethnicity, religion and belief (including no belief), marriage or civil partnership status or sexual orientation.