



Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse has published a recommendation for the Local Government Association to draft a code of practice for councils responding to civil claims of child sexual abuse. We have accepted this recommendation and will update on our progress here.

We have worked with several member councils and national organisations to develop a draft code of practice, incorporating findings of the independent inquiry and the experiences of councils that have been working to support victims and survivors. Options for consultation on this draft are currently being considered, with an ambition to publish the code in November 2021. We welcome views of those with experience in this area to inform the draft – these should be sent to [**louise.smith@local.gov.uk**](mailto:louise.smith@local.gov.uk) [[**mailto:louise.smith@local.gov.uk**](mailto:louise.smith@local.gov.uk)].