



Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel

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What is the Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel?

The Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel (CSARP) is a joint initiative between the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and reviews cases in England and Wales where a victim or survivor feel the decision to take no further action (NFA) in an investigation was unjust and would like the decision to be reconsidered.

The CSARP was established in June 2013 to revisit cases that were not covered under the Victims' Right to Review (VRR) scheme. VRR was introduced to enable victims to seek a review of either a CPS or police decision to take no further action in respect of allegations they made; however, the scheme only applies to decisions made on or after 5 June 2013.

The panel consider whether the approach taken by the police or CPS was wrong and advises whether the allegations should be reinvestigated and / or reviewed. To do this, the panel revisits the information, where available, from the relevant police force or CPS area, to determine whether or not to advise that the original decision to take no further action was correct or if further action should be taken.

If the decision is made to reinvestigate or review the case, it will be referred back to the police force or CPS area from where the decision was taken for them to decide on the action to be taken.

If the panel agrees with the original decision to take no further action, the victim or survivor is informed by letter with specialist help and support provided or signposted.

There is no appeal point beyond the panel.

Cases will be considered if:

- The report is about an alleged sexual offence against the victim or survivor.
- The victim or survivor is referring to a report previously made to the police about the sexual offence.
- A decision to take no further action was taken by the police or by the CPS.
- The alleged sexual offences were committed when the victim or survivor was under 18 years of age.
- Police believe the alleged offender may still pose a risk.
- The alleged offence was committed in England and Wales.
- The case was investigated and marked no further action by police or CPS before 5 June 2013.

Even if the victim or survivor has previously asked the police or the CPS to look at the decision they made, their case will still be considered.

Cases will not be considered if:

- The victim or survivor hasn't previously reported the matter to the police as this will therefore be a new complaint that the police will need to investigate.
- New evidence has come to light prompting a fresh investigation by the police.
- The case was investigated and marked no further action by police or CPS before 5 June 2013 (after this date cases are covered by the **Victims' Right to Review Scheme**).
- The alleged offence did not take place in England or Wales.

Campaign overview

This campaign has been created in consultation with third sector victim and survivor support groups to raise awareness of the CSARP.

We want to raise awareness of the panel by informing the following groups

- Victims and survivors directly
- Police forces in England and Wales
- Victim and survivor services

We need your help

This partner pack contains resources and key messages to help amplify the campaign. We need your help to ensure the right people are aware of CSARP, and that support is available.

Please share this pack with partners and stakeholders who may promote this option to their respective audiences.

If you have any questions, observations or feedback please contact us at **HydrantEnquiries@southyorks.pnn.police.uk**

You can also visit **www.hydrantprogramme.co.uk** to find out more.

Key messages

There are options for victims and survivors of non-recent child sexual abuse, who aren't happy with the decision made previously by police or the CPS

You are not alone

A criminal justice outcome isn't the only way the CSARP can help you – a range of support is available that we can signpost you to

We listen to you

It doesn't matter when the abuse you experienced took place – your experience still matters

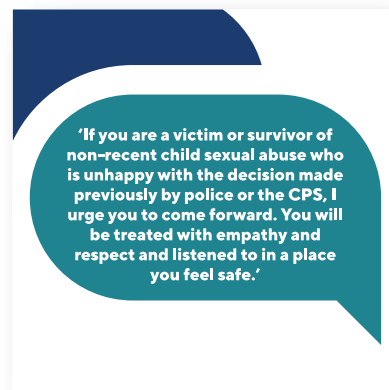
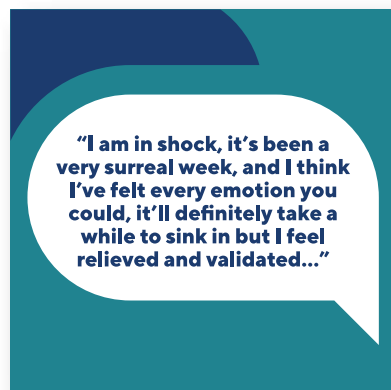
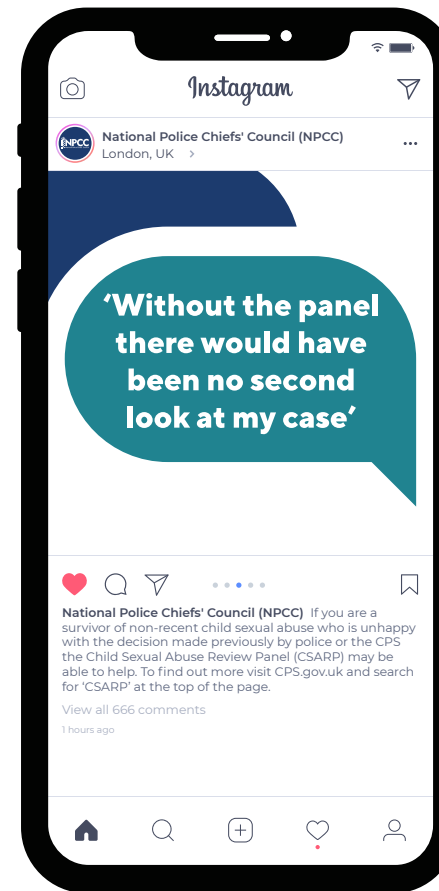
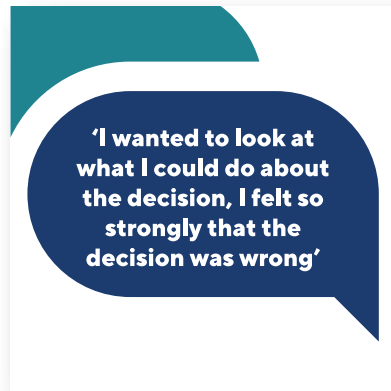
We know that victims and survivors of child sexual abuse experience harm which has lifelong consequences. Help is available.

Victims who have previously contacted the Panel speak positively of the experience and of their outcomes

Content catalogue

Social media assets

These can be shared across your social media channels including Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. We suggest a post on Instagram rather than stories as research shows that victims and survivors will visit the source of information a number of times before deciding to act.



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Suggested social media posts

Here are some suggested posts to go alongside the social media assets. Remember to include the campaign web page address www.cps.gov.uk/child-sexual-abuse-review-panel and the referral email address – nationalpanel@npcc.police.uk



If you are a survivor of non-recent child sexual abuse who is unhappy with the decision made previously by police or the CPS the Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel (CSARP) may be able to help. To find out more visit CPS.gov.uk and search for 'CSARP' at the top of the page.



If you reported allegations of child sexual offences and it was marked no further action before June 5, 2013 and feel the decision to take no further action in your case was unjust, you can request the decision is reconsidered. To find out more visit CPS.gov.uk and search for 'CSARP' at the top of the page.



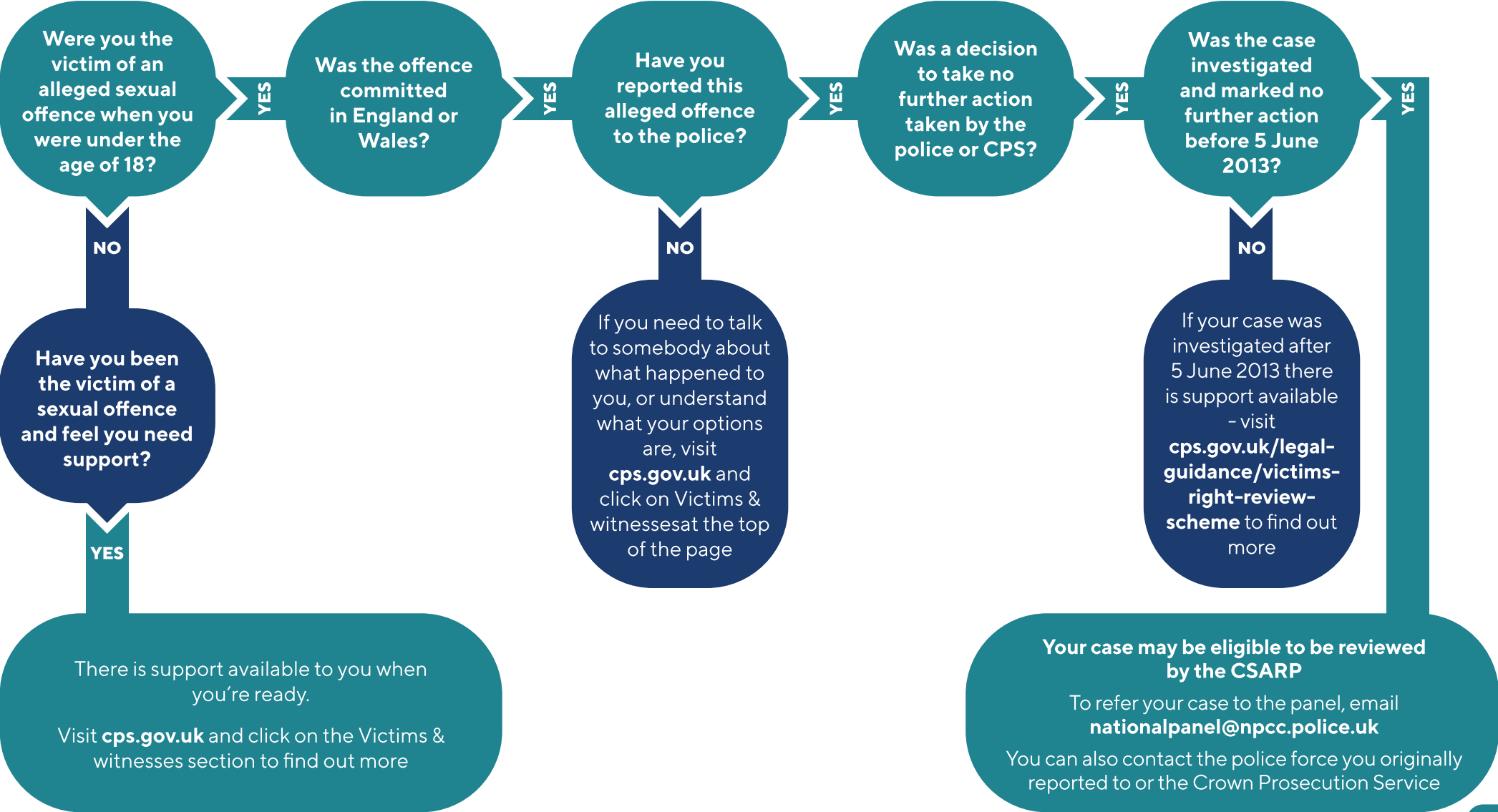
If you are a victim of non-recent child sexual abuse, and you're not happy with the decision made about your case by police or the CPS, the Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel (CSARP) could help you. To find out more visit CPS.gov.uk and search for 'CSARP' at the top of the page.



If you are a survivor of child sexual abuse and your case was marked 'No Further Action' before June 5, 2013, it may be possible for your case to be reviewed. To find out more visit CPS.gov.uk and search for 'CSARP' at the top of the page.

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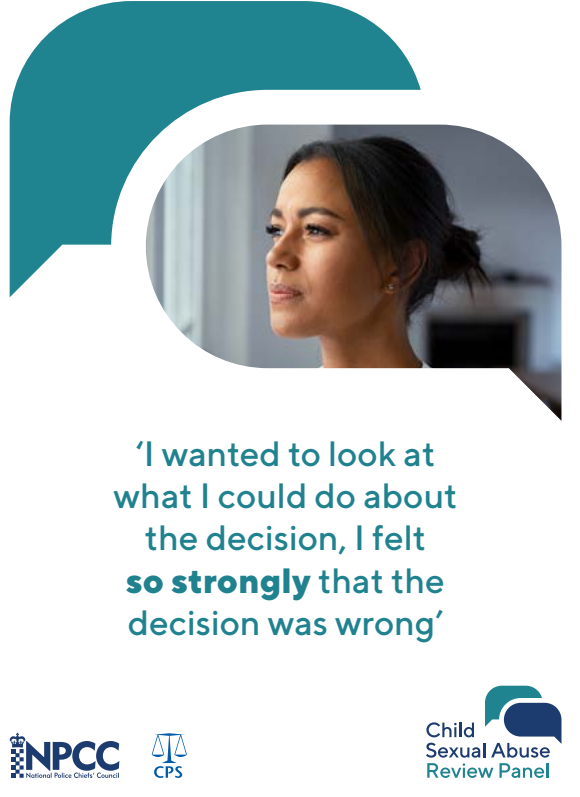
Flow diagram



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Posters

Posters can be downloaded via this [link](#). If you can't access them, please email HydrantEnquiries@southyorks.pnn.police.uk and the team will be happy to help.



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Internal communications

Follow this [link](#) to find assets you can download for internal communications to highlight the campaign to your staff.

Provided are an intranet article, CSARP stats and further information on how the panel works.

A leaflet that can be printed or shared digitally on who the panel are, what the panel does, and which cases will be considered, and which will not.



Did you report allegations of child sexual offences that were marked no further action **before 5 June 2013?**

Do you feel the decision to take no further action in your case was unjust? If so you can request the decision is reconsidered.

How you can support the campaign

Share the campaign assets far and wide! With your own audiences, partners, and stakeholders via your own internal and external channels. We'd love to see social media posts, internal communications, and posters. All of this will raise awareness of the CSARP and give victims and survivors the option to come forward.

Get in touch

If you have any questions or comments about the campaign, or the support the Hydrant Programme can offer more broadly to forces, partners and stakeholders please do get in touch via **HydrantEnquires@southyorks.pnn.police.uk**

You can also visit **www.hydrantprogramme.co.uk**

And finally

Thank you so much for supporting this campaign. The CSARP has a very valuable place in policing's response to non-recent child sexual abuse. We know there are victims and survivors who will benefit hugely from engaging with the CSARP process. Whilst not all cases will be taken forward, there is other support available that we can signpost to. By using our collective voice, we are working towards better outcomes for victims and survivors, which can only be a good thing.