

IAmReady and Operation Beaconport

Guidance and FAQs for Forces

Operation Beaconport is a national policing operation reviewing previously closed investigations into Group-based Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation reported across England and Wales between 1st January 2010 and 31st March 2025.

IAmReady is a website providing Victims and Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation with information about support, reporting and review processes.

Developed with input from Victims and Survivors, it has been designed to provide accessible, trauma-informed and victim-centred information and support.

A key feature of the website is a portal that enables Victims and Survivors to share information and find out about the review options that may be available for a previously closed case. Where applicable, requests for a review are routed to the most appropriate review process, which may include the Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel (CSARP) or the Victims' Right to Review Scheme.

Operation Beaconport's specialist team is already actively reviewing closed cases that meet the operation's criteria. Information submitted through the IAmReady portal will be assessed by the National Review Team and, where relevant, will also be considered as part of Operation Beaconport's ongoing review activity.

The website also supports staff handling enquiries by providing a consistent source of information about support, reporting and review options.

Suggested Response

Thank you for getting in touch with us about Operation Beaconport.

Operation Beaconport is a national policing operation reviewing previously closed investigations into group-based child sexual abuse and exploitation.

We recognise that reaching out about experiences of child sexual abuse and exploitation may be difficult, particularly where a previous investigation has been closed.

Appropriate support and information are available to help you understand your options and make decisions about what feels right for you.

The IAmReady website provides victims and survivors with information about Operation Beaconport, relevant support services and your options regarding review of a previously closed case.

Through the IAmReady website, you can:

- *Find out more about Operation Beaconport and what the review process may involve and the options open to you.*
- *Explore the support services available to you.*
- *Share information through the website's secure portal.*
- *Where appropriate, and with your consent, information submitted via the portal will be directed to the most suitable review process.*

We understand that you may have questions or concerns about revisiting a previous experience or investigation. Deciding whether to take further steps is a personal decision, and the purpose of IAmReady is to support you in determining the right course of action for you.

You can find further information, access the portal and explore available support at:

www.IAmReady.org

Thank you again for reaching out. We hope the information provided helps.

Existing reporting routes remain unchanged. Anyone reporting abuse or a crime, or sharing information with the police, should continue to use the usual reporting channels.

Call Handler Quick Reference

Where someone contacts the force about previously reported Group-based Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and the investigation has since been closed, they should be directed to www.IAmReady.org for information about Operation Beaconport, the review process and available support.

Suggested verbal response:

Thank you for getting in touch. I can explain what Operation Beaconport is and where you can find further information.

Operation Beaconport is a national policing operation reviewing previously closed investigations into Group-based Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.

The IAmReady website has information about Operation Beaconport, what the review process may involve, the options available to you and the support you can access. You can find it at www.IAmReady.org.

The website also has a secure portal where you can share information about a previously closed case.

Where someone is making a new report, disclosing previously unreported abuse, sharing new information with police, or there is an immediate safeguarding concern, existing force procedures should continue to be followed.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is IAmReady?

IAmReady is a website developed with input from Victims and Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation. It provides information about support, reporting and review processes and has been designed to be accessible, trauma-informed and victim-centred.

The website includes a portal where Victims and Survivors can share information and find out about options for a previously closed case. It can also help them request a review through the Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel (CSARP) or the Victims' Right to Review Scheme. Operation Beaconport is already reviewing cases that meet its criteria, and information shared through the portal may be considered as part of this work.

What is Operation Beaconport?

Operation Beaconport is a national policing operation reviewing previously closed investigations into Group-based Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation reported across England and Wales between 1st January 2010 and 31st March 2025.

The operation was established following recommendations made in Baroness Casey's National Audit into Group-Based Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.

Operation Beaconport's specialist team is already actively reviewing closed cases that meet the operation's criteria.

How does IAmReady relate to Operation Beaconport?

IAmReady is a website that brings together information about support, reporting and review processes for Victims and Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.

For Operation Beaconport, the website helps Victims and Survivors understand whether their case may be part of the operation and allows them to share information. Operation Beaconport is already reviewing closed cases that meet its criteria, and information submitted through IAmReady may also be considered as part of this ongoing review work.

How should enquiries about Operation Beaconport be handled?

Use the suggested response above and direct Victims and Survivors to www.IAmReady.org for information about support, reporting and review processes.

Staff should not attempt to determine whether a particular review process applies.

The website has been designed to help Victims and Survivors understand the options available to them and access the most appropriate route based on their circumstances.

Enquiries involving a new report, safeguarding concern or immediate risk should continue to be managed through existing force procedures.

Should staff assess whether a review process applies?

Staff should not assess whether a review process applies or make decisions on behalf of a victim or survivor. Instead, they should direct the individual to IAmReady, where information and guidance about available options can be accessed.

What if someone wants to report abuse, a crime or other information?

Existing reporting routes remain unchanged.

Anyone reporting abuse or a crime, or sharing information with the police, should continue to use the usual force reporting channels.

What if someone requires immediate support?

Staff should follow existing safeguarding and vulnerability procedures.

Where appropriate, Victims and Survivors should also be signposted to support services in line with local arrangements.

What if someone wants to know whether they are eligible for Operation Beaconport?

Staff should not make decisions about eligibility.

Individuals should be directed to IAmReady, where they can access information about Operation Beaconport and other available review pathways. Requests submitted through the portal will be assessed by the appropriate review team.

What if a person does not want to use the portal but their query is about Operation Beaconport?

Staff should record the person's query, contact details and wishes and email this information to beaconport@npcc.police.uk. This email address should **not** be provided to members of the public.

How should media enquiries be handled?

Media enquiries should be referred to the relevant force communications team and managed using the Operation Beaconport and IAmReady communications materials.

Enquiries relating to cases being handled by an individual force should be managed locally. Enquiries about the national operation, or requests for information not covered by the communications package, should be referred to

beaconportreferral@npcc.police.uk