

Non-recent child sexual abuse: Key FA actions since November 2016

- **November 2016:** Series of face-to-face meetings with survivors by FA Chairman Greg Clarke and Head of Safeguarding Sue Ravenlaw.
- **December 2016:**
 - FA Chairman Greg Clarke holds media conference: "Our priority is to ensure there is not a "new generation of victims";
 - NSPCC set up hotline, backed by the FA;
 - Video created featuring four England captains encouraging survivors to come forward. Aired on all major news channels;
 - Independent inquiry commissioned, led by Clive Sheldon QC.
- **December 2016:** FA Chairman wrote to all clubs reminding them of their safeguarding responsibilities.
- **December 2016:** FA requires Grassroots clubs to re-commit to safeguarding by signing up to a commitment statement. Clubs who didn't do this by the set timeline were suspended. The clubs that were suspended swiftly understood the seriousness and signed up.
- **February 2017:** Sporting Chance contracted to offer FA-funded therapy to survivors.
- **July 2017:** FA launched the mandatory online Safeguarding for Committee Members course.
- **September 2017:** FA President Prince William meets some survivors at Sporting Chance as part of 'Heads Up' campaign.
- **November 2017:** FA speaks at Operation Hydrant conference, attended by 43 police forces.
- **January 2018:** FA attends survivor-led Sport England conference.
- **May 2018:** FA attends EU 'Voice' Conference and workshops on survivor support.
- **August 2018:** Survivor Group formalised to advise FA on all survivor-related issues. For further information on the Group's work, see [here](#).
- **September 2018:** Cross-sport safeguarding seminar with Sport England, Operation Hydrant and the CPSU at Wembley Stadium, sharing learning with 38 UK or English governing bodies of sport – survivors among the speakers.
- **November 2018:** FA supports the initial development of UEFA's Child Safeguarding Policy 'Keeping Children Safe in European Football'.
- **May 2019:** Objects of FA Benevolent Fund amended to cover non-recent child sexual abuse cases and independent experts retained to advise on applications.
- **June 2019:** FA supports FIFA's launch of their Child Safeguarding Guardians programme.
- **September 2019:** Relaunch of the Respect 'We Only Do Positive' campaign, to address concerns around the playing environment.
- **November 2019:** FA co-funds with the PFA their Survivor Support Advocacy service to support survivors with practical and emotional support and signposting to legal advice and information.
- **July 2020:** FA launches Covid-19 safeguarding risk assessment and guidance.
- **August 2020:** FA launches free 'FA Playmaker' and 'Safeguarding for All' online courses, as a basic introduction for everyone assisting within children's football activity.
- **November 2020:** FA supports those with lived experience on the Survivor Group to publish 'Waiving your Anonymity – A Guide'.
- **December 2020:** FA gave evidence as part of IICSA's Effective Leadership of Child Protection investigation.

- **January 2021:** Those with lived experience on Survivor Group meet Victim's Commissioner's Office to raise concerns re the criminal justice system.
- **March 2021:** The Government confirms they will make it illegal for sports coaches and others in positions of trust to engage in sexual activity with 16-17-year olds in their care.
- **March 2021:** The FA publishes Clive Sheldon QC's independent review into non-recent child sexual abuse in football published, and The FA makes a commitment to implement his recommendations.