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SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY NON-RECENT ABUSE

If you, or someone you know, have been affected and would like support, listed below are some organisations which may be helpful, including a link to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry:

General Support:

- Citizens Advice www.citizensadvice.org.uk
- Future Pathways <https://future-pathways.co.uk/>
- The National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC) www.napac.org.uk
- Rape Crisis England & Wales www.rapecrisis.org.uk
- Rape Crisis Scotland www.rapecrisisscotland.org.uk
- Scottish Childhood Abuse www.mygov.scot/childhood-abuse
- Speak out Scotland www.speakoutscotland.org
- The Samaritans www.samaritans.org
- The Survivors Trust (TST) www.thesurvivorstrust.org

Legal Advice & Support:

- Citizen's Advice Bureau <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/children-and-young-people/child-abuse/financial-compensation-for-child-abuse/>
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/criminal-injuries-compensation-authority>
- Law Society of Scotland can help you find a Scottish solicitor specialising in this area of law <https://www.lawscot.org.uk/find-a-solicitor/>
- Legal Aid Scotland can help you find a Scottish solicitor who specialises in this type of law and who offers Legal Aid <https://www.slac.org.uk/public/solicitor-finder/>
- Scottish Women's Rights Centre <https://www.scottishwomensrightscentre.org.uk/> Freephone 08088 010 789
- Victim Support Scotland <https://www.victimsupportsco.org.uk/>

For the families of those affected by non-recent abuse

- MOSAC was established almost 30 years ago and provides supportive services to non-abusing parents and carers whose children have been sexually abused. Along with counselling and therapy for vicarious trauma, they provide parents with advice on how to talk to and support their children <https://mosac.org.uk/>

Speaking to the School

If you wish to speak directly to the School about your experiences or to find out more about pastoral care at Gordonstoun today please email alumniresponse@gordonstoun.org.uk. You are also very welcome to visit.

We know that some former students would feel more comfortable speaking with a third party and we have partnered with **Barnardo's Making Connections** Service. Making Connections have extensive experience of responding to and supporting adults who were abused as children. They will work with former Gordonstoun students, for as long as needed, to help them shape a plan for on-going support and/or counselling. They can also provide support throughout the process of reporting allegations to the police, where this is necessary.

This service is currently suspended during the pandemic.

The Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

The Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, established in October 2015, is looking at the abuse of children in care in Scotland, including residential schools. The Inquiry is interested in what happened, why and where abuse took place, the effects of abuse on children and their families and whether the organisations' responsible failed in their duties. The Inquiry will look at whether any failures have been corrected and if changes to the law, policies or procedures are needed.

At the end, the Inquiry will publish a report with recommendations to protect children in Scotland better in the future. This report will be presented to the Scottish Government and the Scottish Parliament.

If you have experienced abuse and want to tell the Inquiry, they have a dedicated support team who can help and assist you to give testimony.

For information about the work of the Inquiry, recent news, protocols and application forms, you can check the website:

www.childabuseinquiry.scot or you can contact the Inquiry:

By post to: PO BOX 24085, Edinburgh, EH7 9EA

By email to: information@childabuseinquiry.scot

The National Confidential Forum

The Forum is about understanding and acknowledging the experiences of those who were in institutional care in Scotland as a child. You can tell the Forum about your experiences, including any abuse you may have suffered, how it was dealt with at the time, and the effect these experiences have had on you.

The Forum will listen to and acknowledge your childhood experiences of institutional care in Scotland. What you tell them will form part of a historical record that they are creating about how children experienced care in Scotland's past. It will also inform any recommendations about how care for children and young people can be improved.

For further information visit: www.nationalconfidentialforum.org.uk; email:

information@nationalconfidentialforum.org.uk;

or telephone: 0800 121 4773

The School continues to urge former students to report anything that may have been criminal to the police by dialling 101. We are happy to act as a conduit if that would be helpful.