

Statement on Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, thirteenth case study findings: Queen Victoria School

His Majesty's Commissioners at Queen Victoria School noted the report from the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry. The Commissioners acknowledge that historical abuse did take place at QVS.

We echo the Head's words of apology. One case of abuse in any school is one case too many and we pass on our apologies to anyone who has suffered abuse at QVS.

These events in the past must not be replicated, now or in the future.

The purpose of His Majesty's Commissioners Board is to seek assurance from Defence Children Services and the staff at the School that the systems in place for safeguarding children and for their education and general well-being are as good as they can be.

The Commissioners are confident the current safeguarding measures are fit for purpose and ensure the safety of pupils and staff at the School. However, the Commissioners are never complacent and regular assurance activities take place to ensure that Safeguarding young people is treated with the highest priority.

The Board of His Majesty's Commissioners seek to assure parents, pupils, staff and former pupils that Child Protection policies are now in place to ensure that any form of abuse can be reported with ease and will be dealt with swiftly and thoroughly in line with those policies.

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