

The ISB11 statement regarding the Synod update from Archbishop Council member is labeled as lies, misleading, and further damaging. (FINAL - approved 6/7/24)

Following the previous Church Times article on June 21, 2024, where the "ISB 11" expressed their disappointment at the delays in their reviews, the Interim Commissioner for independent case reviews, Kevin Crompton, has now released his report to General Synod this weekend. In the report, he confirms the ISB11's concerns about the lack of progress in their reviews, stating that no case reviews have been initiated. However, in the Synod Questions notice paper, Dr. Jamie Harrison from the Archbishops' Council attempts to reassure the Synod by claiming that there has been progress and indicating that survivors have requested confidentiality in their engagement, making it impossible to confirm the status of individual case reviews.

The ISB11 firmly repudiate this update to the Synod as false, misleading, and harmful to those affected. A year after the sudden dissolution of the ISB by the Archbishops' Council, no reviews have been initiated. Additionally, the Archbishop's Council has not addressed the alarming Glasgow report, detailing 'significant harm' experienced, to which Archbishop Welby commented in an email to Dame Jasvinder Sanghera CBE after receiving the report. It stated:

"Dear Jasvinder,

This matter is being taken very seriously and was discussed yesterday. I will liaise with the Bishop who is now responsible for Safeguarding to keep her informed.

The allegations are grave and must be handled impartially and effectively, not just internally, which is what will transpire.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Justin Welby"

Furthermore, the Church has not made any effort to reach out to David Glasgow regarding the harms outlined in his report.

Since the abrupt closure of the ISB by Archbishops' Council Dame Jasvinder Sanghera and Steve Reeves have continued to support the ISB11. All media enquiries should be directed to them at jasvinder.sanghera@icloud.com and steve.reeves@globalsafeguarding.com

Accompanying this statement is an update letter from David Glasgow to JS.

(1) <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2024/21-june/news/uk/isb-11-express-hurt-at-delays-to-their-reviews>

(2) <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/gs-misc-1393-interim-commissioner-for-independent-case-reviews.pdf>

(3) <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2024-07/questions-notice-paper-july-2024-v2.pdf>

(4) <https://houseofsurvivors.org/shared-files/2082/?DVG-ISB-victim-cohort-report-2.pdf>