

I am pleased to have been appointed by Islington Council to conduct an independent Review to consider and investigate information provided to the Council by the Islington Gazette. The terms of reference of my appointment are as follows:

**1 To Investigate the evidence as to:**

- a) The nature, extent and duration of Sandy Marks' involvement in Fallen Angels and any other pro-paedophile groups;**
- b) What, if any, impact that involvement had on the way she carried out her duties on the Social Services Committee, whether as a Committee member between 1983 and 1991 or as Chair between 1991 and 1995;**
- c) What Ms Marks knew about the 'state of management' of Islington Social Services Department (as it is referred to in the White Report), including in particular whether she had been aware of any abuse allegations prior to the Evening Standard's story in 1992;**
- d) Whether in her dealings with Fallen Angels, and possibly other paedophile groups, Ms Marks had become aware of anything relevant to the allegations of 'organised abuse' that were the subject of the White Report**

**And:-**

**2 Consider what difference, if any, the evidence in 1 above may have made to the White Report.**

During this Review, which starts today, I will work alongside Counsel Lucy Sprinz. There is a great deal of documentary and archive material which has been made available to us and I know that efforts to provide us with documents; written material and digital media, which are relevant to the terms of reference above, are continuing.

I expect to identify, from that material, individuals who may have information relating to the remit of the Review. I intend to contact those individuals in due course.

I would also be very keen to hear from anyone who has information relating to the remit of the Review and will make a further statement in the near future with details of how anyone who believes that they have such information may contribute to the Review.

I will not reach any conclusions until I have considered all of the evidence which is available to me. At the conclusion of the Review I will submit my report to Islington Council for publication.

Sarah Morgan QC

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