

A Chronology of child abuse allegations in North Wales

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1904	Bryn Estyn Hall built by Wrexham Brewer F.W. Soames
1931	Peter Norman Howarth born in Doncaster, Yorkshire
1943 17 th September	Bryn Estyn opened as a Home Office Approved School
1956	Gordon Anglesea joins the police force as a rookie following his demob from National Service
1957 3 rd July	An Open Air swimming pool opened at Bryn Estyn after being partly built by the boys
1965	Peter Howarth and Granville Bernard 'Matt' Arnold meet at Ruskin College, Oxford where Arnold was a part-time lecturer
1966	Michael John Carroll (aged 18) convicted of indecent assault against a 12-year-old boy in his care at St Edmunds Orphange, Wirral Peter Norman Howarth begins a teaching post at Axwell Park School, Gateshead under headteacher Matt Arnold
1967	Gordon Anglesea starts work as a police officer in Cheshire. He later resigns following a marriage breakdown and re-joined Flintshire constabulary
1968	John Ernest Allen takes out a 21-year lease on Bryn Alyn Hall, nr Llay, Wrexham, complete with 50 acres of land, which was opened to house "difficult" children from 42 different local authorities.
1971 15 th March	An Inquiry held into a complaint against David Ursell the Headmaster of Bryn Estyn Approved School concerning methods of discipline
1973 May	Granville Bernard 'Matt' Arnold made head of Bryn Estyn Childrens Home, taking over from the acting Headmaster Brynley Goldswain
1973 October	Bryn Estyn becomes a local authority Community Home with Education (CHE)
1973 November	Peter Howarth appointed as third-in-charge officer at Bryn Estyn
1974 February	Peter Morrisson elected as Conservative Member of Parliament for the City of Chester following the general election
1975	Gordon Anglesea becomes Chief Inspector based at Ruabon, nr Wrexham
1976	Gordon Anglesea moved to Wrexham and in 1978 becomes responsible for the Bromfield area which includes the Bryn Estyn Community Home
1976 6 th January	Anthony David Taylor was convicted at Talgarth Magistrates Court of two offences of indecent assault upon boys staying at the Bryn Alyn community. He was fined £20 for each offence
1976 11 th January	The body of 15-year-old Janet Coomis was discovered in fields near Gwynedd School in Flint. She had been raped, both anally and orally before being strangled. 18-year-old Gypsy Noel Jones was convicted and imprisoned for twelve years for the killing
1976 19 th January	Peter Ashleigh Watts, aged 15, from Colwyn Bay, was on his way to Chester to meet a friend. He never arrived, and was found some hours later on a street near Euston Station, London, dying from internal injuries and a skull fracture. He was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital. It was noted that his clothes had been changed, they did not even fit properly and it was

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	found that his body had been scrubbed clean. The case remains unsolved.
1977	John Allen buys White Sands Hotel which he ran for about six months intending it to be a training facility for older boys. Later it becomes Gwasted Hall, where he lived Haydn Jones, officer-in-charge of Tyr Felin, leaves making Alison Taylor acting officer-in-charge. Nefyn Dodd (<i>Bryn Estyn 1974-77</i>) made officer-in-charge.
1977 February	Darren Richard Laverty (aged 10½) remanded to Tyr Felin for 21 days after appearing at Holyhead Magistrates court charged with stealing money from electricity meters on the estate where he lived.
1977 March	Gordon Anglesea marries divorcee Sandra following the breakdown of his own marriage to the mother of his two eldest sons, following disquiet among his senior colleagues, concerned about the use of a police house intended for married couples
1977 27 th September	Steven Messham sent to Bryn Estyn where he remained for the next twenty months.
1978	Gordon Anglesea sets up a Home Office Approved Attendance Centre which was based at St Joseph's Catholic High School in Wrexham Michael John Carroll takes up a post as deputy officer in charge of Angel Road Children's Home, Lambeth, London
1978 February	Robert Henry Chapman, aged 16 a former resident of Bryn Alyn, fell to his death from a bridge.
1978 May	Robert Arthur Smith, aged 16 a former resident of Bryn Alyn took his own life by overdosing on painkillers
1978 31 st July	The Venture, originally 'Wrexham Adventure Playground Association' (WAPA) was established in response to an extremely high crime rate and a lack of facilities in Caia Park, Wrexham, the third largest council housing estate in Wales
1979	David John Gillison suspended from Bryn Estyn on full pay because he had 'come out' as a homosexual
1979 July	Thomas Tyrell-Kenyon, the son of Lord Lloyd Kenyon woke up in a room of the Crest Hotel in Wrexham to discover that all his clothes and possessions had been stolen – by a young boy who he had been having sex with that night. This boy, who was then two years below the legal age of consent and was supposed to be in the care of the local authority, claimed at the North Wales Tribunal that Kenyon had ' <i>used him for sex on numerous occasions</i> '. Kenyon reported the theft to the police and not only named the boy he believed had robbed him, but explained quite openly why it was they were sharing a room. Among the stolen items was allegedly, a cache of explicit Polaroid photographs of Kenyon and the boy, which were never recovered. A note made by the boys social worker recorded that the North Wales Police were well aware of "homosexual activities" between the boy and Kenyon. The matter was investigated and the outcome was that the boy was convicted of theft and sent to a Detention Centre. Thomas Kenyon was not charged with any offence.
1979 August	Steven Messham sent to Chevet Hey until leaving in October 1979
1980	Gary Cooke convicted and jailed for a number of sexual offences.
1980 13 th May	Mark Humphries sent to Bryn Estyn on remand (aged 15 yrs) following being arrested for theft and after Humphries' family had been approached by Social Services because Gary Cooke had paid the boy to let him take indecent photographs of him.
1980 3 rd June	Mark Humphries returned to Bryn Estyn on a Care Order
1980 September	Alison Taylor leaves for a CQSW course at Wrexham University
1980 December	Steven Messham leaves Glamorgan Farm School, Cimla, Neath, South Wales when his care order expired on his eighteenth birthday.
1981 11 th July	Mark Humphries left Bryn Estyn (<i>Aged 16yrs 11 months</i>)

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1981 September	Darren Richard Laverty (aged 14) placed at Bryn Estyn where he quickly becomes the most despised resident that ever stayed there, being viewed by both staff and other residents as a <i>'manipulative, brutal and cruel bully'</i> .
1981 October	Ex-Bryn Estyn resident Howard Hughes took a small boy into a derelict house where he <i>'exposed himself and made indecent suggestions'</i> before attempting to strangle his victim. Hughes was convicted of assault, placed under a two-year mental health supervision order, and committed under the Mental Health Act to St Andrews Psychiatric Hospital, Northampton, followed by an extended stay at Garth Angharad Hospital in Dollgellau, a facility for the treatment of mentally abnormal offenders. Garth Angharad was owned and run by Paul Hett.
1981 20 th December	Mark Humphries arrested after being caught shoplifting at Wrexham ASDA
1982 March	Alison Taylor starts a 10-week placement at Bryn Estyn
1982 June	Alison Taylor makes a congratulatory entry in the Bryn Estyn log book following her placement there
1982 August	Alison Taylor becomes officer-in-charge at Ty Newydd Childrens Home, Bangor
1982 December	Brendan Randles remanded to Bryn Estyn, where he spent a total of four nights.
1983	Gordon & Sandra Anglesea's daughter Elizabeth dies from a heart condition aged 5
1983 6 th June	Darren Richard Laverty leaves Bryn Estyn and is transferred to Y Gwyngyll on Anglesey where he spent fifteen months before moving into approved lodgings
1984 March 22 nd	The light-bulb smashing 'incident' occurred at Bryn Estyn which was recorded in the log book. This later became <i>'The Chandelier'</i> incident which Peter Wynne and Darren Richard Laverty alleged was evidence of 'Torture'. It was later shown that Darren Richard Laverty had left Bryn Estyn on June 6 th 1983, so could not have possibly witnessed the event he related so dramatically under oath to the Waterhouse Tribunal
1984 23 rd May	Alison Taylor called before a formal disciplinary hearing
1984 29 th May	Alison Taylor alleges that a boy was assaulted by Tyr Felin teacher
1984 August	Bryn Estyn School closes due to Wrexham Council reorganisation
1984 September	Alison Taylor calls in North Wales Police in regard to an undisclosed 'Injury'
1984 October	Detective Inspector Gregson concludes Alison Taylor's allegation is unjustified
1985	Peter Davies, a former resident of Bryn Alyn, found dead at his home.
1985 January	Matt Arnold appointed to the Clwyd Panel of <i>'Guardian Ad Litem and Reporting Officers'</i>
1985 May	Darren Richard Laverty formally discharged from care three months before his eighteenth birthday.
1985 November	Memo circulated referring among staff in regard to Ty Newydd's 'imminent' closure
1985 20 th November	Graham Ennis (aged 15) suddenly moved overnight to Ty Mawr Approved School, Nr Abergavenny South Wales following an allegation that he had had sex with a young female member of staff, Jane Harkness.
1986	Michael John Carroll and his wife applied to Croydon Council become foster parents with a view to adoption, to two young boys who had been on holidays with them to North Wales. During the application process, his previous conviction for indecent assault was discovered. He was, however, allowed to remain in his position as head of Angel Road childrens home in Islington, London
1986 2 nd February	An unnamed female resident also claims that Graham Ennis had sex with Ty Newydd staff member Jane Harkness
1986 4 th February	Nefyn Dodd 'clears' Jane Harkness by means of a telephone call
1986 February	Alison Taylor takes new allegations to Wrexham Councillor Marshall

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1986 20 th February	DCS Owen visits Councillor Marshall and meets Alison Taylor
1986 26 th March	Alison Taylor details second-hand allegations in statement
1986 April-Sept	DCS Owen finds Alison Taylor's complaints 'false or unsubstantiated'
1986 23 rd July	Adrian Birley tells DCS Owen he has not been sexually abused
1986 22 nd July	Iain Muir, Deputy Headmaster of Bryn Alyn Community School, was convicted in the Crown Court at Mold, of unlawful sexual intercourse with a female under the age of 16, for which he received a sentence of six-months imprisonment. The victim, was resident at the school for just over three years and was 15-years-old when she left
1986 October	DCS Owen's report to the CPS criticises Alison Taylor
1986 December	Gwynedd CC informally suspends Alison Taylor
1986 29 th December	An unnamed ex-care home resident makes more second-hand allegations of abuse, DCS Owen fails to substantiate any of these allegation as being true.
1987	Allegations that Conservative Chester MP Peter Morrisson joined a small group of MPs including Michael Grylls, Neil Hamilton and Michael Brown, who took money from Ian Greer on behalf of third-party clients. During the later 'Cash for Questions' Inquiry, Ian Greer Associates admitted that Morrisson received payments after Morrisson ceased to be an MP. The Parliamentary Report in Hansard quotes Ian Greer as stating he made " <i>two commission payments, perhaps three, for client referrals</i> " to Morrisson between 1993-1994.
1987 13 th January	Alison Taylor officially suspended from duty
1987 17 th January	Alison Taylor tells Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher she herself saw abuse
1987 March	David John Gillison imprisoned for three and a half years, for gross indecency against a boy in care in north Wales. Gillison was also prominent in the Chester branch of the 'Campaign For Homosexual Equality'
1987 June	The Cleveland child sexual abuse crisis reaches its height
1987 October	DCS Owen submits second report to CPS in regard to Alison Taylor: <i>'There is every likelihood... she will manipulate others in the future to make similar complaints'</i>
1987 3 rd November	Alison Taylor formally dismissed by Gwynedd County Council
1988	Gordon Anglesea promoted to Superintendent of police in Colwyn Bay
1988 28 th February	Alison Taylor writes to Health Minister, Tony Newton; she describes, for the first time, a brutal assault she witnessed in 1980
1988 May-June	Nottingham 'Satanic Abuse' allegations surface for the first time
1988 July	The Butler-Sloss Cleveland report published
1989 March	An investigation into Frank Beck's offending is launched
1989 June	Yorkshire Television approach Alison Taylor to make film about abuse in North Wales
1989 12 th September	Alison Taylor and Darren Richard Laverty filmed extensively for Yorkshire Television
1989 December	Peter Wynne attacks Darren Richard Laverty at his squalid flat in Napier Square, Wrexham with a large bladed knife, striking him three times across the face. Laverty maintained that Wynne went there to <i>'Kill Him'</i> . Wynne received six months in prison, Laverty received an undisclosed amount of compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.
1990	Michael John Carroll was sacked by Lambeth Council after it was discovered he had defrauded the council by spending £300 intended for Angel Road children's home on cigarettes and alcohol while the children were often eating out-of-date food
1990 February	Yorkshire Television abandon the Gwynedd child abuse film for the Castle Hill documentary
1990 April	An unnamed young woman makes allegations of abuse against Fred Rutter
1990 15 th June	An unnamed male resident of Cartrefle accuses Stephen Norris of abuse

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1990 5 th October	Stephen Norris pleads guilty to indecency against 3 boys in his care
1991	Gordon Anglesea retires suddenly after 34-years police service Paul Eccles replaced Lynn Williams as deputy-in-charge of Gatewen Hall, Wrexham
1991 January	Michael John Carroll, after it was no longer possible for him to work with children, buys the Hand Hotel, Chirk, Nr Oswestry for £725,000 and also a small antique shop nr Wrexham
1991 7 th May	Yorkshire Television screens ' <i>Castle Hill</i> ', a film on care home abuse
1991 24 th May	Reporter Dean Nelson reports on Ty Mawr suicide in the Independent newspaper
1991 30 th May	The Publication of the Staffordshire 'Pindown' report
1991 31 st May	Media Headlines ' <i>PINDOWN VICTIMS TO SEEK DAMAGES</i> '
1991 May-June	Alison Taylor takes her allegations to Wrexham Councillor Dennis Parry
1991 10 th June	Wrexham Labour Councillors Dennis Parry & Malcolm King hold a crisis meeting with John Jevons
1991 17 th July	<i>A 'Paedophile Ring letter'</i> sent to Chief Constable
1991 30 th July	Fred Rutter convicted of rape and indecent assault and imprisoned for 12 years
1991 2 nd August	Police launch investigation into Clwyd care homes
1991 4 th August	Darren Richard Laverty, tipped off by Alison Taylor tries to make a statement but turns up at the wrong police station
1991 8 th August	Darren Richard Laverty finally presents himself at the correct police station (Mold), and made a number of allegations he had not voiced before. He tells police that Stephen Hasshim & Carl Holden are also victims of Peter Howarth. His statement was marked as ST1 , signifying that Darren Richard Laverty had become the police's prime witness.
1991 20 th August	Police trawl a complaint against Peter Howarth from Stephen Hasshim (<i>who's name was given to police by Darren Laverty</i>) who now also accuses David Birch of abusing him. In that first statement, Hasshim also claimed that when he was at Bryn Estyn, he had been ' <i>Gang Raped</i> ' by a number of other residents – among whom was allegedly Darren Laverty.
1991 September	Wrexham Councillor Dennis Parry contacts the Independent newspaper, alleging a North Wales Police cover-up
1991 12 th September	Peter Wynne tells police in a statement he had encountered no sexual abuse: <i>'I enjoyed my time at Bryn Estyn'</i>
1991 15 th September	Police trawl an abuse allegation against Peter Howarth from [Carl Holden]
1991 19 th September	Wrexham Councillor Dennis Parry meets journalist Dean Nelson at London hotel
1991 24 th September	Stephen Hasshim makes ' <i>crowbar and spiked-dildo</i> ' abuse allegations against various Bryn Estyn staff members
1991 26 th September	HTV film screened outlining complaints about Nefyn Dodd by Alison Taylor and Darren Laverty
1991 October	Simon Birley tells North Wales Police he has never experienced abuse while in care in North Wales
1991 12 th October	Dean Nelson meets Alison Taylor at her home in Bangor
1991 7 th November	The Independent newspaper formally commissions Dean Nelson to report on the North Wales abuse allegations
1991 November	Alison Taylor tells Dean Nelson Peter Wynne was abused at Bryn Estyn and Darren Laverty telephones Paul Wilson: saying he was ' <i>out to get Howarth & Doddy</i> '
1991 6 th November	Alfred James 'Jimmie' McAlpine, who ran the North West operation of the Sir Robert McAlpine Construction Company and was President of the Wrexham Golf Club, died at a Wrexham hospital aged 83

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1991 12 th November	Dean Nelson interviews Paul Wilson about Bryn Estyn
1991 14 th November	North Wales Police warn Alison Taylor about contacting witnesses
1991 15 th November	Peter Wynne tells Dean Nelson he was ' <i>Not Sexually Abused</i> ', Nelson noted ' <i>I do not believe him</i> '
1991 16 th November	Simon Birley, who has been in contact with Alison Taylor, tells Dean Nelson that Howarth abused him. Peter Wynne, allegedly coaxed by Dean Nelson, accuses Peter Howarth of abuse
1991 30 th November	Frank Beck receives three life sentences
1991 1 st December	The Independent on Sunday publishes an article about child abuse in North Wales
1991 2 nd December	North Wales police merge the Clwyd and Gwynedd child abuse enquiries
1991 6 th December	The Bryn Estyn Abuse Helpline starts, staffed by NSPCC workers
1991 December	Darren Richard Laverty and Peter Wynne launch joint compensation claim, using the same Wrexham based solicitor, Gwilym Hughes
1992	Heath Kelvin Jones, a former resident of Bryn Alyn, found dead in his bedsit aged 18, from respiratory arrest due to solvent abuse. Barry Williams, a former resident of Little Acton Assessment Centre, found dead in his flat where he lived in squalor and poverty.
1992 22 nd January	Brendan Randles alleges abuse by unnamed man and in his police statement, told the police that while taking a shower at Bryn Estyn, Darren Richard Laverty and two others had ' <i>Beaten him up</i> ' while being watched by a ' <i>Grey haired man</i> '. The next day, Randles also alleged this same man took him to the secure unit and ' <i>Fondled him and tried to kiss him.</i> '
1992 February	Dean Nelson returns to North Wales in an attempt to find evidence against Gordon Anglesea
1992 5 th February	Dean Nelson faxes a new Peter Wynne interview to the Independent
1992 Feb-March	Darren Richard Laverty shows Brendan Randles a photograph of Gordon Anglesea, who he later names as his abuser (<i>Randles spent only four nights in Bryn Estyn in total</i>)
1992 15 th March	Police arrest sixteen men and one woman in dawn raids in and around Wrexham. All but one of these people had once worked a Bryn Estyn. No child pornography was found and there was no evidence of a paedophile ring. By the end of that day the police had no alternative but to release twelve of the sixteen without bringing any charges. of the four that remained – Stephen Norris, Peter Howarth, Paul Wilson and David Birch, only Norris made any admissions. During his interview, Peter Howarth said that one of the people he believed had ' <i>got it in for him</i> ' was Darren Laverty. He said that Laverty had telephoned him on two occasions and had taunted him about the Bryn Estyn investigations. Laverty had asked whether he was ' <i>worried</i> ' and had then ' <i>laughed down the phone at him.</i> '
1992 24 th March	Ex-Bryn Estyn resident [Daniel Mead] initially tells police he was not abused. The police return, and three days later, Mead makes allegations against Peter Howarth.
1992 30 th March	Police visit Steven Messham at his home. He now alleges indecent assault
1992 April	Adrian Johns, aged 32, an ex-resident of Bryn Alyn, died along with Mabel Roberts, Paul 'Tony' Jones, Tim Sharpe and Andrew Manners in a suspicious fire in Brighton, Sussex. Two of the victims, AIDS Councillor Mabel Roberts, aged 48, and Robert Manners, aged 29 died from multiple injuries trying to jump to safety. Seven people managed to escape by clambering down a drainpipe at the back of the building. One, Timothy Sharpe, celebrating his 28 th birthday, fell to his death after losing his grip. Several people were impaled on the spiked railings as they jumped to safety from the upstairs windows. Adrian Johns, aged 32, and another man, Paul 'Tony' Jones, aged 33, remained trapped in the flat and died of smoke inhalation. Their bodies were so badly charred that the only means of identification was by dental records. Verdict: Unlawful Killing.
1992 1 st April	Steven Messham's wife commits suicide, leaving him to care for their young child
1992 6 th April	North Wales Police visit [Gary Waite] who alleges indecent assault

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1992 23 rd April	Steven Messham makes a number of Bryn Estyn sick-bay allegations against Peter Howarth, in which he claims that Howarth buggered him
1992 30 th April	Police visit [Nick Purnell] who alleges indecent assault against Bryn Estyn staff
1992 5 th May	Brendan Randles names his assailant as being Peter Howarth; and also alleges rape by him and an un-identified man
1992 8 th May	Darren Richard Lavery admits helping Brendan Randles make abuse allegations, and makes a further admission of showing Randles a photograph of Gordon Anglesea.
1992 18 th June	Dean Nelson elicits a number of vague allegations from Mark Humphries
1992 19 th June	Dean Nelson shows photograph of Gordon Anglesea to Mark Humphries who alleges both Gordon Anglesea and Peter Howarth abused him at Bryn Estyn
1992 29 th June	Dean Nelson re-interviews Mark Humphries. He adds rape to his earlier allegations
1992 18 th August	Mark Humphries is interviewed by North Wales Police in London where he stated that he was sent to Bryn Estyn during the summer of 1976, and that he had spent four years there. He claimed that he had been abused by Gordon Anglesea during his second Christmas there.
1992 20 th August	Steven Messham calls the police to say that Dean Nelson is harassing him. He also says ' <i>at no time did Gordon Anglesea ever sexually abuse me</i> '
1992 24 th August	Steven Messham travels to London and meets Dean Nelson at his flat
1992 September	The Observer newspaper publishes an article in which Darren Richard Lavery appears to admit participating in the ' <i>Gang rape</i> ' of a young female care home resident.
1992 3 rd September	Steven Messham complains again that he is being harassed by Dean Nelson
1992 4 th September	Steven Messham tells Dean Nelson, Gordon Anglesea abused him
1992 9 th September	Steven Messham makes new, more serious allegations to police
1992 11 th September	Steven Messham swears an affidavit prepared by Dean Nelson but the Independent on Sunday newspaper declines to publish the story
1992 13 th September	The Story is published by The Observer newspaper on it's front page
1992 September	Dean Nelson, seeking a 3 rd allegation against Gordon Anglesea, questions Peter Wynne, with Alison Taylor present, who acts as a 'Memory Prompt'
1992 17 th September	Mark Humphries and Steven Messham accuse Gordon Anglesea of child abuse on live Television. [Carl Holden] watches Humphries and Messham on television at his home and then telephones the BBC
1992 Oct-November	[Carl Holden] is visited at his home by BBC Journalists
1992 30 th November	The BBC films [Carl Holden] accusing Gordon Anglesea of sexual abuse
1993	Thomas Tyrell-Kenyon, the son of Lord Lloyd Tyrell-Kenyon 5 th Baron Kenyon died of AIDS aged 39. Thomas drifted into the low life of Wrexham where he made his home. He drank, he mixed with a group of people who were in and out of prison and was known to have hung around the red-brick public toilets by the bus station in King Street in the town.
1993 Jan/Feb	Sallywag Magazine publishes child abuse allegations about Lord Alistair McAlpine, Derek Laud and Gordon Anglesea
1993 8 th January	Peter Wynne tells the North Wales Police of a visit by Alison Taylor and Dean Nelson
1993 27 th January	Satirical magazine Private Eye publicly names Gordon Anglesea as a child abuser and also alleges a North Wales Police cover-up
1993 11 th February	Police interview Alison Taylor about Peter Wynne, on suspicion of attempting to pervert the course of justice
1993 March	The Crown Prosecution Service drop the case against Gordon Anglesea, who is now suing HTV, the Independent and the Observer newspapers and Private Eye Magazine

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1993 15 th March	The Crown Prosecution Service concluded that: <i>'Reliance ought not to be placed on Steven Messham's evidence for the purpose of prosecuting any alleged abuser'</i>
1993 April	Nefyn and June Dodd are arrested but released without charge
1993 13 th May	Steven Messham threatens to sue Private Eye magazine. He demands £60,000 in compensation
1993 16 th May	Lord Lloyd Tyrell-Kenyon aged 75, died at Redington, Shropshire after a long illness. He was Deputy lieutenant for Flintshire in 1948, an officer of the Most venerable Order of The Hospital of St John of Jerusalem and a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1972. He was a provincial Grandmaster for the North Wales Freemasons.
1993 23 rd May	The funeral took place of Lord Lloyd Tyrell-Kenyon
1993 June-July	Steven Messham meets with Private Eye editor Ian Hislop and demands a new car
1993 22 nd September	Stephen Norris pleads guilty to indecent assault and buggery of 6 Bryn Estyn boys
1994	Angus James Wilson, Scallywag magazine co-founder dies in an accident on Cyprus The Crown Prosecution Service decline to bring Steven Messham's allegations of sexual abuse against Peter Howarth to court
1994 6 th January	After a long history of drug and alcohol abuse, Peter Wynne is found dead after hanging himself from a door at his Wrexham bedsit.
1994 March	Clwyd County Council commissioned the independent Jillings Report, undertaken by a panel headed by a former director of social services with Derbyshire Council, John Jillings. The panel of Jillings, Professor Jane Thunstall and Gerrilyn Smith met with considerable opposition. 130 Boxes of material handed over by the council to the police were not made available to the panel.
1994 1 st April	Brendan Randles is found dead at his Wrexham flat from <i>'Gross abuse of alcohol'</i>
1994 26 th May	Alison Taylor makes a statement for the Gordon Anglesea libel trial
1994 9 th June	Granville Bernard Matt Arnold died of an 'unspecified blood disease' which was mentioned in the Jillings Report along with the concern that 'the abusers put their victims at risk of sexually related diseases'
1994 13 th June	The trial of Peter Norman Howarth and Paul Wilson on sexual abuse charges, begins at Chester Crown Court.
1994 July	Richard Williams was found dead in a car aged 18. He was alleged to have suffered abuse while in care in north Wales.
1994 8 th July	Peter Norman Howarth found guilty of child sexual abuse and sentenced to ten years imprisonment. Paul Wilson is acquitted of all charges
1994 31 st October	Steven Messham refuses to give evidence at Gordon Anglesea's libel trial unless he is paid to do so
1994 November	Craig Wilson, a former Bryn Estyn resident, hangs himself aged 16
1994 7 th November	Private Eye Magazine pays Steven Messham £4,500 as a full and final settlement of his claim
1994 14 th November	Gordon Anglesea's libel trial opens in Court 13 at the Royal Courts of Justice, London
1994 28 th November	Paul Wilson pleads guilty to three counts of physical assault
1994 6 th December	The Libel jury returns a verdict in favour of Gordon Anglesea
1995 12 th January	David Birch is acquitted on two sexual abuse charges
1995 February	The trial of John Ernest Allen on sexual abuse charges begins, but he goes missing, turning up in Oxford some days later. During the time Allen is missing, Lee Johns (Homburg) aged 37, an ex-resident of Bryn Alyn, died

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1995 2 nd February	Mark Humphries commits suicide by hanging himself from the stairs outside his Wrexham bedsitter after being seen drinking heavily in the town earlier that day
1995 9 th February	John Allen, of Bryn Alyn Hall, Llay, Wrexham, convicted of indecent assault against six former residents. He is sentenced to six years imprisonment
1995 21 st May	Simon Birley commits suicide by hanging himself from a tree in Wrexham
1995 13 th July	Sir Peter Morrisson, former Conservative MP for Chester, and Margaret Thatcher's Personal Press Secretary, died in London aged 51
1996	Tony Wallis, a former resident of Bryn Estyn found dead at his home Pentre Saeson becomes ' <i>Prospects for Young People</i> ' – housing Mentally ill children aged 8-21 and was run by Stephen Elliot
1996 22 nd February	Clwyd County Council receives the completed Jillings report and seeks legal advice
1996 26 th March	The council accepts the legal advice given to them not to publish the Jillings report
1996 1 st April	Clwyd County Council dissolved
1996 7 th April-June	Using a leaked copy of the Jillings Report, the Independent newspaper runs a campaign to press for a full public enquiry
1996 13 th June	BBC Radio suggests child abuse in children's homes ' <i>may be the norm rather than the exception</i> '
1996 17 th June	Conservative Welsh Secretary William Hague announces the North Wales Child Abuse Inquiry
1996 July	Ex-Bryn Estyn resident Howard Hughes (Born 9 th June 1965) sentenced to life imprisonment for the double rape and murder of 7-year-old Sophie Hook at Llandudno on 30 th July 1995. Hughes was convicted only on circumstantial evidence and a number of doubts still exist in regard to the safety of his conviction
1996 25 th October	Eighteen families were left homeless after a fire at a warehouse engulfed their houses. Eight people were taken to hospital and more than 100 residents of Lightfoot Street, Chester, were evacuated as the blaze destroyed a Pickfords storage depot on the neighbouring Hoole Bridge Industrial Estate. It is believed that the warehouse held the records of the Bryn Estyn & Bryn Alyn Care Homes in storage
1997	Bryn Alyn Hall closes
1997 21 st January	The North Wales Child Abuse Tribunal (Waterhouse) begins at Ewloe, Flintshire
1997 24 th April	Peter Norman Howarth dies of a heart-attack at HMP Wakefield
1998	Ken White and David Evans open a children's nursery on Bryn Alyn land A report claimed that Sir Peter Morrisson had been arrested for molesting underage boys during his career as a Conservative Member of parliament, but had allegedly been let off with a caution.
1998 7 th May	The North Wales Child Abuse Tribunal holds it's last hearing
1998 14 th May	Ex-Bryn Estyn resident Darren Richard Laverty becomes the first person to be charged in the UK, under newly introduced 'stalking' laws, after he is arrested for distributing 400 leaflets alleging that a man in a North Wales village was a 'Paedophile'
1999	Robert John Kirkham from Old Colwyn, convicted of sexual offences against a teenage boy. He was jailed for twelve months.
1999 30 th September	The Waterhouse Report handed to Secretary of State for Wales, William Hague
2000 15 th February	The North Wales Child Abuse Tribunal Report published as ' <i>Lost in Care</i> '
2000 16 th February	Massive coverage of the Waterhouse report in the national press, much of it featuring Darren Richard Laverty and Alison Taylor. The latter's vindication by the report is widely reported

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2000 11 th April	Alison Taylor is presented with a Daily Mirror ' <i>Pride of Britain</i> ' award at a ceremony held in the Hilton Hotel, London attended by the Labour Prime Minister, Tony Blair
2000 8 th October	BBC1 transmitted a horrifying drama, ' <i>Care</i> ', about abuse in a Welsh Children's home. The film went on to win a series of awards including the Cologne International Film Festival gold for the best single drama, a BAFTA award and the Prix Bologna in 2001. It attracted an audience of 4 million and resulted in 6000 phone calls
2000 5 th December	Football Manager Dave Jones found not guilty of all charges of Paedophilia and Child Abuse at Liverpool Crown Court, after the trial collapsed following witnesses failing to turn up to face claims that they had ' <i>invented</i> ' their stories in the hope of gaining compensation
2001 February	North Wales Police called in to investigate the running of NORWAS (North Wales Abuse Survivors) a charitable organisation set up using public money to help people who were abused in children's homes in North Wales. Steven Messham, the group's chairman, was arrested and questioned over the alleged theft of the charities assets
2001 2 nd August	Mystery surrounds the death of Gary Cowell, aged 31 who was found dead at his home in Queens Avenue, Connors Quay. Gary was a resident of Bryn Estyn between 1977 and 1980, and claimed that he had been beaten and abused during his time there. The post mortem examination showed Mr Cowell had been a very fit and healthy man at the time of his death. But toxicology results had surprised the Pathologist Dr Anthony Burdge as they showed four times the lethal dose of the drug Methadone. The family and friends of Mr Cowell stated that he was a keep fit fanatic who would run every day, swim, visit a gym and was very particular about what he ate, and that they had never known him to take drugs at any time apart from ' <i>Body Building Supplements</i> '
2002	Author Richard Webster successfully defends a libel case brought by Alison Taylor in regard to a newspaper article. An out of court financial settlement is agreed upon Former Conservative Junior Minister Edwina Currie, describes ex-Chester MP Sir Peter Morrisson, as ' <i>A Noted Pedarist</i> ' in a book about her parliamentary life The House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee warned that ' <i>police 'Trawling' exercises were liable to create miscarriages of justice, and that some people had made false allegations in the hope of being paid large sums in compensation</i> '
2002 10 th April	Steven Messham appeared in court in Wrexham accused of theft, deception and false accounting. Messham was charged over the theft of £27,000 worth of assets from an organisation set up to help child abuse victims. Thousands of pounds of public money had been raised and was used to help establish the charity NORWAS (North Wales Abuse Survivors) of which Messham was the Chairman
2004	Journalist Angus Stickler publicly criticised for interviewing Steven Messham on Radio 4 without disclosing he was facing charges of defrauding a charity he ran for alleged abuse victims of children's homes in North Wales
2005	Richard Webster's seminal book, ' <i>The Secret of Bryn Estyn</i> ' is published to critical acclaim
2005 January	Steven Messham acquitted of five counts of false accounting at Chester Crown Court. He admitted, however, concealing £40,000 in savings, which he had been awarded as compensation for alleged abuse - when he made claims for income support and housing benefit, but insisted he had not intended to be dishonest
2010 25 th November	Stephen Wynne, the brother of ex-Bryn Estyn resident Peter Wynne, who suffered from Bipolar disorder, takes his own life aged 44. He was buried alongside his brother in Wrexham Cemetery. His book of poetry ' <i>A Migzies Tale</i> ' published in 2010, describes his long personal battle with his illness and contained a chapter about his brothers alleged abuse at Bryn Estyn, and his subsequent suicide
2011 June	Richard Webster, the author of ' <i>The Secret of Bryn Estyn</i> ' dies after suffering sudden heart failure during the night at his home in Oxford. His website richardwebster.net contains a large section of his written and published work
2012 October	Rod Richards, a former MP and ex-leader of the Welsh Conservatives, implicates Sir Peter

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	Morrisson (1944-1995) in the North Wales Child Abuse scandal. Richards said that Morrison and another unnamed high profile Conservative politician were named in documents as being regular and unexplained visitors to the care homes involved in the allegations
2012 November	Anne Clwyd MP called for the legal archive of the Jillings report to be published, claiming that she was shown a copy in 1994: <i>"I would say please get the Jillings report published because it shows ... rape, bestiality, violent assaults and torture, and the effects on these young boys at that time cannot be under-estimated"</i>
2012 2 nd November	Steven Messham appears on the BBC Newsnight programme alleging that he was sexually abused by 'hundreds of men' including a senior Tory Politician
2012 3 rd November	An ex-care home resident names Sir Peter Morrison on Channel4 News as a person he saw leaving the Bryn Alyn home in Wrexham. Ex-Bryn Estyn resident Alun Leyshon states on the BBC that he was taken from Bryn Estyn, and abused by <i>'People of Influence'</i> and hinted at a <i>'Masonic'</i> connection
2012 4 th November	Darren Richard Laverty appears on social networks using the pseudonym <i>'Ryan Tanner'</i> . He begins to viciously attack Steven Messham and other ex-care home residents online
2012 November	Operation Pallial set up by Conservative Home Secretary Teresa May amid concerns that previous investigations into historic child abuse were not thorough enough
2012 9 th November	Steven Messham makes a televised public retraction and a public apology to ex-conservative party treasurer, Lord Alistair McAlpine
2012 10 th November	Director General of the BBC, George Entwistle resigns, following the Steven Messham allegations that were aired on the Newsnight programme
2012 12 th November	A 50-year-old former resident of Axwell Park School, Gateshead has spoken for the first time about the ordeal he suffered at the school, where he alleged Peter Norman Howarth operated a 'Flat List' system that would see favourite boys singled out for late-night 'counselling' at Howarth's home where they were made to wear only pyjama's
2012 13 th November	Steven Messham makes a plea on the BBC Wales 'Week In Week Out' for more historic child abuse victims to come forward
2012 14 th November	Steven Messham apparently driven <i>'close to suicide'</i> by Darren Laverty on Twitter. According to the 'Slog' website: <i>"from sources close to Steve...to the Slog at 1.19am today: "Steven has named Darren Laverty, it seems this guy wants him to shut up and accuses Steve as being on the take and loves the media spotlight"</i>
2012 15 th November	Channel4 screen an interview with ex-Bryn Estyn resident 'Michael' where he describes being taken from North Wales to 'sex parties' in London
2012 17 th December	The Independent investigation set up to examine specific recent allegations of historic child abuse in North Wales received information from 105 victims since beginning its work in November
2013 14 th January	A 71-year-old man from Ellesmere Port, Cheshire arrested under Operation Pallial
2013 April	Operation Pallial announces that 160 new claims of historical abuse have been reported
2013 April	John Ernest Allen arrested at his home in Ipswich
2013 13 th June	Darren Richard Laverty attempts to sell a copy of the Jillings report on the internet auction site EBay. Wrexham Council threaten legal action and the item is removed from sale
2013 31 st July	John Ernest Allen Charged with 22 indecent assaults and one offence of gross indecency, alleged to have taken place between 1968 and 1989 at Bryn Alyn Hall, Llay, nr Wrexham
2013 July 19 th	A 72-Year-old man from Wrexham arrested under Operation Pallial
2013 July 24 th	A 61-year-old man from Chester, Cheshire arrested under Operation Pallial
2013 August 23 rd	A 63-year-old-man and 60-year-old woman arrested at Seaford, Essex
2013 September 4 th	A 59-year-old man from Lancaster, Lancashire arrested under Operation Pallial

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2013 September 11 th	A 61-year-old man arrested in Beeston, Nottinghamshire
2013 October 16 th	A 53-year-old man from Connors Quay arrested under Operation Pallial
2013 October 16 th	A 66-year-old man from Sussex arrested under Operation Pallial
2013 November 20 th	A 62-year-old man from Mold arrested under Operation Pallial
2013 November 26 th	A 65-year-old man from Cardiff arrested under Operation Pallial
2013 December 4 th	A 69-year-old man from Maidenhead, Berkshire arrested
2014 16 th January	Gordon Anglesea arrested at his home in Colwyn Bay by Operation Pallial
2014 17 th January	Lord Alistair McAlpine, Baron McAlpine of West Green dies in Italy aged 71
2014 19 th February	Operation Pallial identifies 37 possible child abuse suspects
2014 11 th April	A 62-year-old man from Barnsley, Yorkshire arrested
2014 12 th April	62-year-old Kenneth Wheatley, found dead beside Railway line in Barnsley, Yorkshire from 'Multiple Injuries' following his arrest by Operation Pallial
2014 May 19 th	62-year-old Richard Richard David Vevar from Tanyfron, Wrexham arrested and charged by Operation Pallial with two offences of indecent assault against a boy aged between 13 and 16
2014 May 21 st	72-Year old Peter Steen from Wrexham arrested by Operation Pallial officers and charged with assault and child cruelty.
2014 June 6 th	Darren Richard Lavery arrested at his home in LlanfairPG, Anglesey for Harassment, Theft, Malicious Communications and a Public Order Offence. 54-year-old Marc Roy Norry from Connors Quay charged with historical Sexual Abuse along with a 62-year-old man from Wrexham. 63-year-old Mark Granger AKA Gary Cooke from Leicester charged with three counts of indecent assault and two counts of buggery. 71-year-old David Lightfoot from Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, charged with three counts of indecent assault, and one count of attempted buggery. 69-year-old Edward Huxley from Maidenhead, Berkshire, charged with two counts of indecent assault. 61-year-old Keith Stokes from Farndon, Chester charged with three counts of indecent assault, three counts of gross indecency, one count of buggery and one count of attempted buggery.
2014 10 th June	Robert John Kirkham, aged 64 from Llys Colwyn, Old Colwyn, jailed for ten years for raping and indecently assaulting a teenage boy in 1996. The offences were carried out in the Wrexham area.
2014 7 th July	The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) in England and Wales is announced by the Home Secretary Teresa May. The inquiry was established to examine how the country's institutions handled their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse.
2014 8 th July	Baroness Butler-Sloss appointed Chair of the IICSA
2014 14 th July	Chair of the IICSA, Baroness Butler-Sloss stands down after just six days in charge, following pressure from victim's groups after it was revealed her brother had been Attorney General when some offences being examined by the inquiry were alleged to have taken place.
2014 24 th July	Darren Richard Lavery pleads guilty to a Section 5 Public Order Offence (<i>Threatening Behaviour</i>) at Llandudno Magistrates Court and received a fine and a twelve-months conditional discharge.
2014 30 th July	Barry Strevens, a former bodyguard to Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, claimed that he warned her that Sir Peter Morrisson allegedly held sex parties with underage boys. Strevens said that despite passing on the allegations to Thatcher, she later promoted Morrisson to the position of Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party. Thatcher's personal secretary, Archie Hamilton, reportedly took notes of what was alleged.

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2014 21 st August	Kelvin Horriban, aged 62, from Beeston, Nottingham, and Keith Evans, aged 70, from the Old Rhosrobin area of Wrexham, arrested by Operation Pallial officers, Horriban also faces an additional charge of assault.
2014 27 th August	Wrexham Councillor Malcolm King stripped of his executive financial role on Wrexham Council after making ' <i>Serious Allegations</i> ' without evidence.
2014 5 th September	Home Secretary Teresa May announced the appointment of Fiona Woolfe CBE to lead the Independent Inquiry into Historical Child Abuse (IICSA).
2014 10 th September	Darren Richard Lavery arrested at his home on Anglesey for continuing to harass people and for issuing threats on the internet. He was released without charge.
2014 6 th October	The second trial of John Ernest Allen on charges of historical sexual and physical abuse, begins at Mold Crown Court.
2014 22 nd October	74-year-old Peter Steen appears at Wrexham Magistrates Court charged with physically assaulting a teenage boy in the 1980's. This is the eighth charge he faces following his arrest. He was released on bail to appear at Mold Crown Court on the 30 th October.
2014 31 st October	Fiona Woolf becomes the second head of the government's inquiry into Childhood Sexual Abuse to be forced to quit over links to key figures in the scandal – just half an hour after the Home Office said she had 'full confidence' in her. Ms Woolf announced that she was stepping down after it emerged that she failed to declare that she lived on the same street as Lord Leon Brittan and his wife and attended five dinner parties with the former Conservative minister.
2014 1 st December	John Ernest Allen sentenced to life imprisonment at Mold Crown Court, with the recommendation that he serves at least 11 years.
2015 6 th January	Fresh allegations emerged about ex-Chester MP Sir Peter Morrisson. The Metropolitan police investigated claims made in the Daily Telegraph that a 14-year-old boy from West Sussex was raped by the MP in 1982 in London
2015 29 th January	Dennis William Jones, 65, and Aileen Jones, 62, from Seaford, East Sussex, charged with offences related to two boys, both of whom were under 16, between 1975 and 1980.
2015 4 th February	Dame Lowell Goddard, a New Zealand High Court Judge, appointed as the third Chair of the IICSA.
2015 11 th February	Ex-Bryn Estyn resident and Wrexham Councillor Andrew Keith Gregory appeared at Wrexham Magistrates Court charged with assaulting his ex-partner. He pleaded not guilty and a trial was scheduled for April 1 st at Flintshire Magistrates Court.
2015 25 th March	Aileen Jones and Dennis Jones appear at Wrexham Magistrates Court to face allegations that they mistreated two young boys between 1975 and 1980. The couple, both of Seaford, East Sussex, denied the charges and the case was sent to Mold Crown Court.
2015 1 st April	Andrew Keith Gregory cleared of assaulting his former partner during an argument.
2015 April	The trial of seven men charged with historical sexual and physical offences begins at Mold Crown Court. Marc Norry, aged 55, from Hamilton Road, Connah's Quay. David Lightfoot, aged 72, a Wrexham publican in the 1980s from Parklands View, Little Sutton, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. Keith Stokes, aged 62, a former haulier and abattoir manager, from Quarry Hill, Farndon. George Neil Phoenix, 63, of Windsor Road, New Broughton, Wrexham. Edward Julien Huxley, aged 70, from Lower Road, Cookham, Maidenhead, Berkshire. Roger Owen Griffiths, 76, of Coed Efa Lane, New Broughton, Wrexham. All deny the series of charges of historical sexual abuse.
2015 2 nd April	George Neil Phoenix from Wrexham found not guilty of one count of sexual abuse on a boy at the home of Gary Cooke. David Lightfoot found guilty of six charges of indecent assault on a male, two serious sexual assaults and one attempted serious sexual assault. Former Metropolitan Police Officer Edward Julien Huxley, from Maidenhead, Berkshire, found guilty of two charges of sexual assault.

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	<p>Marc Roy Norry, aged 55, from Connors Quay, Flintshire, convicted of five charges of indecent assault on a male, and one charge of serious sexual assault.</p> <p>Gary Cooke, also known as Mark Grainger, aged 64, found guilty of eleven counts of indecent assault, three charges of serious sexual assault and two charges of indecency.</p> <p>Roger Owen Griffiths, aged 76, from Wexham found not guilty of two charges of indecent assault.</p> <p>Keith Percy Stokes, aged 62, from Farndon, Chester, found not guilty of three charges of indecent assault, one charge of serious sexual assault and one charge of attempted serious sexual assault.</p> <p>Sentencing of those found guilty will take place on Friday, September 3rd at Mold Crown Court.</p>
2015 9 th July	<p>Retired North Wales police chief Gordon Anglesea, from Old Colwyn, charged with sexually abusing three boys. He was charged following six allegations of sexual assault and buggery, and two of serious sexual assault between 1979 and 1987.</p> <p>He was granted unconditional bail and is not expected to go to trial until Sept 2016.</p>
2015 27 th August	<p>A 75-year-old-man arrested by officers from the National Crime Agency in Wells, Somerset on suspicion of a serious sexual assault against a child aged between 11 and 12 years old. The offence is alleged to have been committed against a boy between 1979 and 1980.</p>
2015 25 th September	<p>Gary Cooke, aged 64, jailed for fourteen years for the sexual abuse of five boys.</p> <p>David Lightfoot, aged 72, jailed for ten years for nine offences of sexual assault and three serious sexual assaults.</p> <p>Edward Julian Huxley, aged 70, jailed for four and a half years for two counts of indecent assault.</p> <p>Marc Ray Norry, aged 55, jailed for eleven years for five counts of indecent assault and one serious sexual assault.</p> <p>George Neil Phoenix, aged 63, jailed for three and a half years for one count of sexual abuse.</p>
2015 29 th September	<p>Richard Dafydd Veyvar, aged 64, was cleared at Mold Crown Court of all charges relating to allegations of historic sexual and physical abuse. He denied that he incited a boy to indecently assault another boy at Gwasted Hall, the home of John Ernest Allen, the owner of the Bryn Alyn Community. He also faced a separate charge of physically assaulting ex-Bryn Alyn resident Stephen Fong, now aged 51, between 1978 and 1980. He was cleared on all counts.</p>
2015 4 th November	<p>Gordon Anglesea charged with a further three offences of historic child abuse, bringing the total number of charges against him to 10.</p> <p>The charges are: Two indecent assaults and one serious sexual offence against a boy aged under the age of 16. The offences are alleged to have taken place between 1982 and 1983. He is due to appear in court on November 17th.</p>
2015 17 th November	<p>Gordon Anglesea appeared at Llandudno Magistrates Court who committed the case to Mold Crown Court, on the 20th November. In a short hearing, Anglesea spoke only to confirm his name, address and date of birth. District Judge Gwyn Jones remanded Mr Anglesea on conditional bail. He must reside at Gwynant, Old Colwyn and not to approach the complainant directly or indirectly.</p>
2015 14 th December	<p>Peter Steen, aged 75, found not guilty of eight counts of historical physical abuse and cruelty against two children at Bryn Alyn Hall and Gatewen Hall in Wrexham, between 1978 and 1992. The jury has yet to return three more verdicts being heard at Mold Crown Court, sitting at Chester.</p>
2016 15 th December	<p>Not guilty verdicts were returned against the remaining three charges, two of assault and one of child cruelty, levelled against Peter Steen. His solicitor Chris Saltrese said that there had been a grave miscarriage of justice and blasted the Operation Pallial investigation. The jury spent 11 hours and 52 minutes deliberating before indicating that their discussions could not take them any further. The NCA said 134 complaints remain under active investigation.</p>
2016 12 th January	<p>The trial begins of Keith Alan Evans, 71 and Kelvin Horriben, 63, at Chester Crown Court sitting at Mold. The men were charged with child cruelty of six boys and one girl at Bryn Alyn Hall, between 1976 and 1983, and Horriben faced a second charge of assault</p>

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	<p>occasioning actual bodily harm against a boy.</p> <p>Both men pleaded not guilty.</p>
2016 26 th January	<p>A number of MPs voiced their concerns about what redactions may be made to the long-awaited Macur Report, which is an examination of the Waterhouse report into child abuse in North Wales.</p>
2016 3 rd January	<p>Kelvin Horriben, 63 cleared of assault and child cruelty following his trial at Chester Crown Court sitting at Mold. His co-defendant, Keith Alan Evans was found not guilty of four charges of child cruelty, and a verdict could not be reached on a further two charges.</p>
2016 29 th January	<p>Robert Siddall aged 59, of Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey was jailed for three years and four months for making, possessing and distributing indecent images of children</p>
2016 4 th February	<p>Keith Alan Evans, 71, found guilty of one of six original charges of historic child cruelty. The jury returned a majority verdict on a single count, which related to an offence committed against one boy during the 1980s. A unanimous not guilty verdict was returned against one remaining charge. He will be sentenced at Mold Crown Court on the week commencing March 14.</p>
2016 17 th February	<p>Darren Richard Lavery arrested and charged with ‘<i>contempt of court</i>’ at Wrexham Magistrates Court after making a series of ‘<i>disgusting and malicious ‘Tweets</i>’, prior to, during and following the sentencing hearing of a man Lavery had insisted was prosecuted for ‘<i>Malicious Communications</i>’ earlier that week. Lavery was removed from the court in handcuffs and taken to Wrexham Central Police station, where he was charged and held in custody until appearing before circuit Judge Gwyn Jones at the end of court business. After receiving a severe ticking off, Lavery ‘<i>apologised profusely</i>’ adding somewhat meekly that he was ‘<i>an extremely stupid man</i>’ and would at once comply with the judges instruction to immediately cease his unwarranted attacks on the convicted man. A series of handwritten notes that were taken during the court hearing by both Lavery and his wife, were seized by the North Wales Police and ordered to be destroyed.</p>
2016 29 th February	<p>The trial of Aileen and Denis Jones from Seaford, East Sussex over accusations of abuse against two boys under the age of 16, between 1975 and 1980, begins at Mold Crown Court sitting at Chester and is expected to last two weeks.</p>
2016 10 th March	<p>Aileen and Dennis Jones found not guilty of child cruelty charges at Chester Crown Court. Mrs Jones, was awarded an OBE in 2014 for her work as head of Southdown Housing Association, said: “<i>Of all the things we could have been accused of it was the worst in the world – murder would have been lesser. This case should never have gone to court. All the evidence that contradicted the evidence was ignored.</i>” The case cost the couple their jobs as well as £100,000 in legal fees. Mr Jones said: “<i>The main allegation was being made about 1973 to 1974, when we lived in Brighton and York and two years before we even moved to Wales. A simple check of our tax records would have shown where we were working at the time.</i>” Mrs Jones went on to say: “<i>Children have been and are still being abused, but false accusations, and especially historic false allegations, divert resources away from keeping children safe today and undermines child protection. People who have been genuinely abused are further damaged by those who make false allegations.</i>”</p>
2016 17 th March	<p>Keith Alan Evans, 71, convicted in February this year of a single count of child cruelty against a young boy in 1883, was sentenced to eight months in custody, suspended for a year. He was also fined £500 and ordered to pay £500 compassion to the victim. Evans is the seventh person to be convicted and sentenced following investigations by Operation Pallial. A redacted version of the Macur Report is finally published, which found: “<i>No Reason to undermine the Waterhouse Inquiry findings.</i>” The report is soundly criticised by the NSPCC, who’s Welsh chief Des Mannion said it: “<i>Revealed barely anything</i>”. Keith Gregory, an ex-Bryn Estyn resident, who said he had been contacted by many distraught survivors who were upset by the findings, also blasted the report claiming: “<i>It is a whitewash, a complete cover-up and has been a complete waste of time. All the court</i></p>

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	<i>documents from the Waterhouse Inquiry were scrapped and it was said to be ‘human error.’ What the survivors are saying is that this was supposed to be a survivor-led inquiry, so why weren’t they contacted? We feel like we have been kicked in the teeth and there is a feeling of ‘here we go again’. We have lost 13 to suicide and I just hope that people remain strong now and that we carry on the battle.”</i>
2016 18 th March	Lee Roberts aged 32, of Windsor Drive, Kinnel Bay jailed for six years after paying children abroad to engage in sex acts. Roberts told boys as young as 11 in the Philippines what to do in highly sexualised chats over the internet and filmed what they were doing to each other and with older men.
2016 21 st April	Darren Richard Lavery suspended from the Twitter social network, for the ‘ <i>Targeted Harassment</i> ’ of a number of people including: Journalists, Survivors of Childhood Abuse and a number of Child Abuse Charities.
2016 11 th May	Neil Charles Owen aged 47, of Ffordd Talargoch, Prestatyn jailed for ten years and placed on the sex offender register for life for a series of sex offences against a number of children
2016 6 th June	Barry John Hopcutt aged 59, from Macclesfield jailed for seven years at Caernarfon Crown Court after befriending families holidaying at an Anglesey Caravan Park in order to sexually abuse young girls
2016 12 th June	Roger Canton aged 68, of Tower View, Wrexham jailed for seven years for sexual assaults at a swimming pool which took place in 1996. Canton had a previous conviction from 1979 for indecent assault upon another girl in a swimming pool at the Northgate Arena in Chester
2016 23 rd June	Stephen Giles Tippit, aged 46 from Uplands Avenue, Connors Quay jailed for four years at Mold Crown Court for carrying out a number of sexual offences against children. He was ordered to register on the sex offenders register for life
2016 July	Darren Richard Lavery arrested at his home in Llanfairpwll, Anglesey by the Metropolitan Police. His computer equipment and five mobile phones were seized and removed from his property to be forensically examined. After being questioned under caution about a number of offences, he was released on police bail while further investigations were carried out.
2016 4 th August	Dame Lowell Goddard resigns as Chair of the IICSA. Conservative Home Secretary Amber Rudd, accepted the resignation.
2016 11 th August	Professor Alexis Jay announced as the fourth Chair of the IICSA.
2016 14 th August	Darren Richard Launches a ‘Go Fund Me’ page in an attempt to raise £10,000 he claimed was to ‘Sue’ The Observer/Guardian group of newspapers. Lavery stated: “ <i>24 Years ago (September 1992) the Observer printed a dishonest and serious libellous story about me. The article has been photographed and uploaded to the internet and used by various disgusting trolls to try and discredit my standing as a father, husband and anti-abuse campaigner.”</i>
2016 19 th August	Darren Richard Lavery aged 49, formally charged with the ‘ <i>Stalking involving serious harm and distress</i> ’, under the Protection from Harassment Act, of a female Journalist following his earlier arrest, and subsequent investigation by the Metropolitan Police and was confirmed by the Crown Prosecution Service. He is due to appear at Wimbledon Magistrates Court, London on the 21st September.
2016 24 th August	Arwel Roberts, aged 63 from Queens Road, Greenfield, a retired Paramedic, jailed for 16 years at Mold Crown Court for a string of sex offences including child rape
2016 1 st September	Darren Richard Lavery taken into police custody following an early morning raid at his home in Llanfairpwll, Anglesey. He was arrested by North Wales Police on behalf of the Merseyside force on suspicion of stalking. Local reports say the front door of his property was ‘ <i>rammed off it’s hinges</i> ’ when the early morning search warrant was executed. During

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	<p>the raid a small amount of cannabis was discovered by officers and Laverty was also arrested on suspicion of possessing a controlled drug.</p> <p>Darren Richard Laverty also remains currently charged with a separate charge of '<i>Stalking involving serious harm and distress</i>'.</p>
2016 4 th September	Darren Richard Laverty released from police custody following his arrest for stalking
2016 5 th September	The Jury is sworn in at the start of the trial of 78-year-old Gordon Anglesea at Mold Crown Court. The ex-North Wales police superintendent faces four charges of historic sexual abuse involving two complainants. Judge Geraint Walters said that although the trial was listed for six weeks, he expected it would take less time than that. Seven men and four women, with two spare female jurors for the initial stage of the trial, were selected. The Judge then asked the jury to return to court on Tuesday September 13, where the trial proper was expected to get underway. Anglesea is charged with two counts of indecent assault and serious sexual assault on one man when he was a teenager and indecent assault on a second complainant when he was a teenager.
2016 21 st September	Darren Richard Laverty appeared at Wimbledon Magistrates Court charged with ' <i>Stalking involving extreme Fear and Distress</i> ', to which he pleads not guilty. He elects to be tried at Kingston-Upon-Thames Crown Court on the 18 th October. He is released on conditional bail which stipulated that he cannot enter London except to attend court and not to contact the female journalist concerned.
2016 18 th October	Darren Richard Laverty appeared at Kingston-Upon-Thames Crown Court for a direction and case management hearing and pleaded not guilty to a charge of ' <i>Stalking involving Extreme Fear and Distress.</i> ' He was released on conditional bail pending a trial in March 2017 - under the conditions that he does not contact the alleged victim and stays out of central London. The scheduled trial is expected to last 3-4 days.
2016 21 st October	Ex-North Wales Police Chief Gordon Anglesea, 79, is convicted of historical child sex offences by jury following a trial at Mold Crown Court. He was convicted of one charge against one boy, and three indecent assaults against another. Addressing Anglesea, Judge Geraint Walters said " <i>there can only be one sentence and that is a prison sentence</i> ". Anglesea was also found not guilty of an alternative charge of serious sexual assault, and was granted bail until November 4 th , when he will be sentenced.
2016 4 th November	Gordon Anglesea sentenced at Mold Crown Court to 12 years imprisonment in total for three sexual assaults on two teenage boys. He was sentenced to two years on one count and six years on two counts to run concurrently. Journalist Ian Hislop told the BBC that the Police Federation were considering financing Anglesea's appeal.
2016 18 th November	The Shirley Oaks Survivors Association (SOSA) formally withdraw from the IICSA. " <i>Our decision to pull out of the Independent Inquiry into Childhood Sexual Abuse (IICSA) should have come with regret but we are sad to say the only emotion we feel is relief. Now our members do not have to relive their worst nightmares in this stage-managed event which is now being contrived in such a way that it enables the guilty to wash their dirty hands, whilst the establishment pats itself on the back</i> "
2016 9 th December	Darren Richard Laverty charged with a second count of stalking women. He was bailed to appear at Wimbledon Magistrates Court in January 2017.
2016 13 th December	S4C Screen 'Cam-Drin Plant:Y Gwir Sy'n Llad', The story of child abuse in North Wales through the eyes of journaist David Williams. Alison Taylor, Steven Messham and Darren Richard Laverty feature heavily throughout
2016 15 th December	Convicted paedophile Gordon Anglesea died after being admitted to the University of Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital with ' <i>Pneumonia and a life-threatening lung infection</i> '. A Prison Service spokesman said: " <i>HMP Rye Hill prisoner Gordon Anglesea (dob 28/03/1937)</i> "

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	<i>died in hospital today (15th December) at around 9.30 am. As with all deaths in custody, the Independent Prisons and Probation Ombudsmen will investigate”</i>
2016 30 th December	The Venture Youth Centre at Caia Park, Wrexham scheduled for closure in 2017
2017 1 st January	Robert John Kirkham, aged 66, died in HMP Fazakerley on Merseyside. Convicted of murder in the 1980s. He had been in prison since 1999, when he was convicted of sexual assault on a young boy. He was ordered to serve the remainder of his prison term for murder, from which he had been released on licence. After serving another twelve years he was released in 2011. In 2013 a new victim came forward to claim that he had been raped and sexually assaulted by Kirkham in 1996.
2017 11 th January	Darren Richard Laverty appears at Wimbledon Magistrates Court on a second charge of stalking women. He pleads not guilty and the case is committed to Kingston Crown Court for trial. Laverty was released on bail on the condition he does not enter the City of Liverpool.
2017 25 th January	The widow of Gordon Anglesea will get half of his police pension following his death. Police chiefs had been seeking advice over whether any or all of the 79-year-old's pension should be forfeited following his conviction for historic child sex offences. He died before any agreement was reached with the Home Secretary.
2017 27 th January	An inquest into the death of convicted Old Colwyn murderer and paedophile Robert John Kirkham at Liverpool, recorded that he had died at HMP Fazakerley on Merseyside from 'Metastatic Renal Cancer'. Verdict: Natural Causes.
2017 7 th February	The trial of Darren Richard Laverty, on two stalking charges due to be heard at Kingston-Upon-Thames Crown Court, adjourned until 19 th June. He denies all the charges.
2017 25 th February	Andrew and Jane Kershaw formally withdraw their support for the IICSA.
2017 2 nd April	Wrexham (Smithfield) Plaid Cymru councillor Keith Gregory forced to stand down after nine years following a serious and long-standing illness
2017 5 th May	Malcolm King retains his Wynnstay, Wrexham council seat for Labour
2017 26 th May	The CPS unexpectedly drop the stalking charges against Darren Richard Laverty. <i>A statement from the CPS stated: “Following a review of additional evidence received from the police, we have concluded that there is no longer a realistic prospect of conviction, and will not be pursuing the case.” – SOURCE Daily Post</i>
2017 29 th May	Darren Richard Laverty claimed on Twitter that he had been granted 'Core Participation' status on the IICSA. Tweeting: <i>'I am now a core Participant of the IICSA. I will be giving oral evidence as and when required. Lots of paperwork gone in already. #bringiton'</i>
2017 13 th June	Phil Frampton of the 'Survivors of Organised and Institutional Abuse' (SOIA) formally withdraws his support for the IICSA.
2017 13 th July	Stephen Hough, aged 53, convicted at Mold Crown Court, of the rape and manslaughter of 15-year-old Janet Commins in Flint in 1976. His sickening crime was finally unearthed after 40 years when advances in forensic science meant that his DNA profile could be established from samples taken from the teenager's body. 59-year-old Noel Jones who was originally convicted of the crime and served six of the twelve-year sentence he received, said: <i>“I have been made a scapegoat, and as a Gypsy, I had 'fitted the bill' and was pressured into signing a false confession after being shown statements by the police which I could not read properly”</i>
2017 11 th August	Bryan Davies, aged 70, appeared before Llandudno Magistrates after being arrested in Malta and extradited to the UK. Davies appeared in court accused of the sexual abuse of 11

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	children. He was a former deputy principal of the children's home at Ystrad Hall, Llangollen. He was arrested by officers from Operation Pallial and is due to appear at Mold Crown Court on the 8 th September
2017 20 th September	Michael John Carroll, aged 69, arrested at his home on Shropshire and released on Bail. Carroll was accused of sexually assaulting two children in the early 1980s