



**The
Maggie Oliver
Foundation**
Transforming pain into power

Founded and chaired by Maggie Oliver, the former Detective who resigned from Greater Manchester Police in 2012 to expose the extent of the "Rochdale Grooming Scandal".

The Maggie Oliver Foundation's (TMOF) vision is to create a society where survivors and those at risk of childhood sexual abuse and exploitation (CSAE) are empowered to live fulfilled and successful lives, and where every survivor is treated with dignity, respect and as a valued member of society.

TMOF helps survivors transform the pain of their abuse into power by:

- providing a legal advocacy service for victims and survivors who report crimes to the police,

- providing emotional support to adult survivors to identify their strengths, adopt positive coping strategies, increase self-confidence, access services that meet their needs, and create positive life chances and
- advocating for survivors' rights at local and national levels by raising awareness of CSAE, failings by statutory services in investigating, prosecuting, and preventing these crimes.

TMOF empowers survivors to create a positive ripple effect through society. They are supported on their recovery journey and build the strength and resilience to support others. Sharing how the criminal justice system has failed them, leads to improved practices when dealing with victims of CSAE, and as a result more victims feel safe and confident in seeking justice. Since inception in 2019, TMOF has supported more than 2,500 survivors. Going forward we anticipate working with approximately 600 survivors per year across all our activities.

We believe that mutual support and visible thriving of fellow survivors can be a catalyst for change. Approximately 60% of our current volunteer and staff team are survivors, or family members of survivors, of CSAE. A key factor in survivors learning to thrive is them witnessing the positive impact of healing of those around them.

At least 1 in 5 UK children UK experience CSAE. The majority do not disclose the abuse at the time, referencing 'embarrassment' as the primary reason. This shame continues to isolate and marginalize throughout life, leading to worsening health outcomes and life chances. A study we carried out with the CWJ and CSAE survivor groups confirmed the lack of provision of support services for adult survivors of CSAE.

"To begin a journey of healing, you need hope, and the belief healing can and will happen. You need people you can trust who will give you support, understanding, answers, expertise, and guidance. Most of all, you need people who love and believe in you, are kind and will hold your hand along the way. Thank you for walking beside me on my journey. It means more than I can say."

A SURVIVOR

In the past six months, we have seen a 45% increase in the number of survivors contacting us for support through our complex, opaque and often adversarial criminal justice system, as well as a complexity of cases. This funding would enable us to add to add another legal caseworker to our team, allowing more survivors to seek the justice they deserve.

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