



# Update

***Unfounded Alliance - Fighting for Justice. Together***

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Alliance Groups – as of June 2017:

- **FACT** – Falsely Accused Carers & Teachers
- **FASO** – False Allegations Support Organisation
- **Accused.me**
- **SWAWC** – South Wales Against Wrongful Convictions
- **SAFARI** – Supporting All Falsely Accused with Reference Information
- **PAI** – Parents Against Injustice
- **FAHSA** – Falsely Accused Historical Sexual Assault

## Welcome



As the Alliance group Members are always busy and frequently inundated with enquiries for support, a few of us within Unfounded have been cracking on with completing the website and launching the Alliance to provide a platform for the future work of the Alliance to build on. However, we felt it was time to give all an update on the progress of Unfounded.

## Unfounded officially launched March 2017



The Unfounded website has consistently received 5-10 new unique visitors per day since the launch.

[www.unfounded.org.uk](http://www.unfounded.org.uk)



The Unfounded logo has been independently designed for the Alliance.



Twitter is gaining interest. Thank you to our Twitter Queen for raising the profile of Unfounded.

Numbers as of 28 June 2017

## Welcome New Unfounded Supporters

Unfounded are pleased to announce that two further Groups have joined the Alliance in the last month, South Wales Against Wrongful Convictions and Parents Against Injustice. There are now 7 Groups working together with the aim to fight injustice.

### Inside Times

An article has been written and submitted to Inside Times to introduce Unfounded and communicate it's aims. We are hopeful it will be published in the July edition. The intention is to get wider publicity in mainstream press soon.

### Proposed Dignified Protest –

The CCRC 20 year conference is on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30-17.00 in London.

Unfounded are proposing to attend holding a silent dignified protest outside the conference. Details are being confirmed.

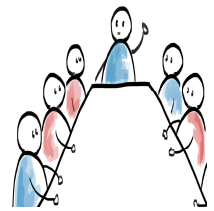
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## Steering Group

It has been proposed to commence a Steering Group for Unfounded. The Steering Group will meet quarterly, suggested location Birmingham. The aim of the Steering Group is to review progress and to discuss next steps. Following each meeting, the minutes and a summary will be emailed to all Alliance groups to ensure all Groups are kept informed. Closing date for expressions of interest to join the Steering Group is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Please email [secretary@unfounded.org.uk](mailto:secretary@unfounded.org.uk)



## Campaigning Areas

The core initial focus of Unfounded continues to be the implementation of the Sir Henrique recommendations, however we recognise that there are a number of areas that persons impacted by false accusations would want changing both with policing methods and across the entire English justice system. Unfounded intends to take one step at a time and to remain focus on specific campaign areas. An update on next steps will be provided following the first Steering Group meeting.

## IICSA Presentation



In May 2017, FACT were provided the opportunity to present to three members of the IICSA Inquiry team including the lead Counsel for the Inquiry Brian Altman QC . A focused representation was provided by Dr Ros Burnett (Oxford University), Mark Newby (Specialist Solicitor), Sister Francis Dominica OBE (FACT's President) and Brian Hudson (FACT's Secretary). The hour allowed the submission of evidence in respect of false allegations and the wider victims that this creates. A summary of this meeting will be in the next Edition of FACTion (FACT's Newsletter) which will be out this summer. The inquiry team took on board all the information which was presented to them though it may be some time before this particular area gets more attention. It was interesting to hear that the Inquiry team refers to those making accusations as 'complainants' and not 'victim's' which is how the police and CPS refer to those making an allegation. Brian Altman QC also stated that he was in favour of anonymity unless convicted. The meeting was a step, albeit a small one in the long battle to get false allegations accepted and have an impact upon how the law operates in this area

## Donation

Unfounded are very grateful to report that FACT have provided a donation to Unfounded. The donation will be used to pay for leaflets, literature and postage.

## In The Meantime...

- Unfounded would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a sympathetic MP on side and who may well support our cause
- Unfounded would also be pleased to hear from anyone with specific knowledge of successful campaigning, lobbying and with any strong opinions upon what we should campaign on
- Ideally we would like the steering group to have representatives from all Alliance members and await to hear from you
- Can each organisation give an idea of their readership/supporters so we can have an estimated idea of the people we can reach and represent

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