

## Who we are

**Unfounded** is an alliance of the following support groups:



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



Parents Against Injustice (PAIN)

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



[www.safari-uk.org](http://www.safari-uk.org)



**Accused.me.uk**

Supporting people who've been falsely accused of rape, sexual assault or domestic violence.

[www.accused.me.uk](http://www.accused.me.uk)



[www.factuk.org](http://www.factuk.org)

**FASO** False Allegations Support Organisation

[www.false-allegations.org.uk](http://www.false-allegations.org.uk)



Falsely Accused of Sexual Assault

[www.falselyaccusedhsa.co.uk](http://www.falselyaccusedhsa.co.uk)

**INNOCENT**

CHALLENGING MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE SINCE 1993

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

## How can you help?

1. Check out our website for 'What you can do'.
2. Join and give support to one of the groups that have formed Unfounded.
3. Keep up-to-date with our campaigns via a member group's newsletter / bulletin.



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## Unfounded

is an alliance of a wide range of groups that support victims of false allegations, to speak as one voice in the fight for justice.

*We strive for the day that support for victims of unfounded allegations is not needed and the justice system returns to treating people innocent until proven guilty.*

## Our Mission

To restore justice to the investigation and court process for those accused of sexual abuse.

## Our Goal

To ensure the application of the following three pillars of justice:

-  Presumption of innocence
-  Impartial investigation
-  Burden of proof

## Our Aims

### CAMPAIGN

The first campaign is to get the recommendations of the Henriques Report implemented.

### RAISING THE PROFILE

Focused on raising the profile of unfounded accusations to wider audience.

### STRENGTH

Strengthen the position of victims of wrongful allegations in the criminal justice system.

### UNIFIED VOICE

Be a unified voice for victims of wrongful allegations, including influencing and engaging with government and wider stakeholders.

### WORK TOGETHER

Work together in a positive and respectful way to improve outcomes for victims families and others affected.

### NETWORKING

Provide a forum for networking across member organisations, with swift communication of key information

## Our First Campaign

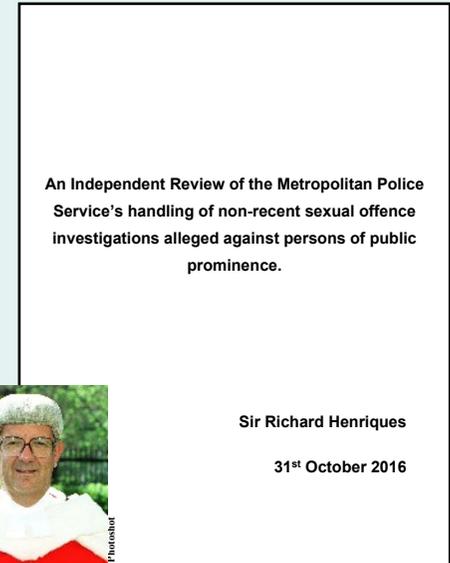
To get the recommendations of the Henriques Report implemented by Government



Sir Richard Henriques 'Independent Review of the Metropolitan Police Service's handling of non-recent sexual offences' identified no fewer than 43 separate blunders and said it was time for police to stop automatically believing the accounts of alleged victims.

The actions of the Metropolitan Police is not unique to the Met - their actions are repeated across police forces in the UK.

The 'Henriques Report' put forward sensible and pragmatic recommendations which rebalance the pendulum in investigations of historical sexual assault.



**UNFOUNDED** is driven to get Henriques' recommendations implemented by Government.

Sir Richard made 25 recommendations, including:

-  Those who make complaints should be referred to as "complainants" and not as "victims" throughout the investigative and judicial process.
-  The instruction to officers to "believe a 'victim's' account" should cease.
-  Investigators should be informed that false complaints are made from time to time and should not be regarded as a remote possibility.
-  Work should be done to improve the police relationship with those accused, given the "crushing effect" of a prolonged investigation on them and their families.
-  In future, the public should be told that 'if you make a complaint we will treat it very seriously and investigate it thoroughly without fear or favour'.
-  Every effort should be made to minimise leaks of information by examining current systems and increasing sanctions.
-  In non-recent cases particular consideration should be given to the necessity to arrest or re-arrest in accord with Code G and the guidance therein.
-  At the commencement of an investigation a time limit should be fixed.
-  When announcing publicly that no further action will be taken, rather than stating insufficiency of evidence, an alternative is that 'the case failed to meet the evidential test'.
-  When announcing publicly that no further action will be taken, no details of the allegations not already published should be disclosed.