

# Operation Hydrant

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Operation Hydrant is coordinating multiple non-recent child sexual abuse investigations around the country. Relevant investigations are those which involve either people of public prominence and/or abuse that has taken place in an institution. In most cases the victims are reporting abuse that took place when they were children.

The Operation Hydrant team has created new guidance for investigators which replaces the 2020 Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) advice: Investigations into allegations of non-recent institutional child sexual abuse or child sexual abuse by people with a high public profile.

The replacement guidance is accessible from College Learn (you will need to log in):

- [NPCC \(2023\) Practice Advice for Investigating Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation](#)
- [NCA, NPCC \(2023\) Practice Advice for Investigating Online CSAE](#)

The [Hydrant Programme Group on Knowledge Hub](#) (you will need to log in) provides further restricted detail and a platform for practitioners to highlight investigative areas presenting specific challenges.

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