

Independent Jersey Care Inquiry Phase 2 commences

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The second phase of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry (IJCI) has just got underway. Counsel to the Inquiry, [Mr Patrick Sadd](#), has provided a summary of Phase 1 and the witnesses who have given evidence so far – many raising allegations of abuse suffered in the care of the States.

Evidence in Phase 2 will be heard from different groups of witnesses from various authorities: the States of Jersey Police (SOJP), the Honorary Police, politicians, law officers, former law officers and the Bailiff.

[Mr Sadd](#) also listed some of the events between 1989 and 2010 that formed a backdrop to Phase 2, including convictions of abusers, the dropping of charges against alleged abusers and the establishment and closing down of the SOJP investigation, Operation Rectangle.

Mr Sadd noted that Phase 2 opens as the IJCI Legal Team is conducting a review of 50,000 recently disclosed electronic documents from various government ministries whose remit involved Children's Services directly or were involved in child abuse investigations or the wider political consequences of those investigations.

The Bailiff William Bailhache will be called to give evidence among several current and past politicians.

The first witness in Phase 2, former police officer Mr Anton Cornelissen, is currently being questioned, having raised allegations of evidence being removed and a lack of will to investigate by fellow officers.