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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MAGGIE

Dear friends and supporters,

As we turn the page on one of the most challenging yet transformative years in our journey, I want to reflect on 2025 – a year that has tested every part of us but has also propelled The Maggie Oliver Foundation to new heights.

We end this year with our voice louder, stronger, and more respected than ever before. What began as simply one woman's stand against injustice has become a national Force for Change – a movement demanding truth, compassion, and accountability for survivors of sexual abuse.

When I resigned from Greater Manchester Police all those years ago, I didn't know where that act of defiance would lead. I just knew I couldn't stay silent while children were being failed. Today, I look at this determined, growing Foundation and see what happens when ordinary people refuse to accept INJUSTICE as inevitable. Together, we've transformed that act of protest into a national platform that is changing lives and shaping the conversation at the highest levels.

The Year the World Started Listening

January changed everything. A single tweet from Elon Musk reignited global attention on Britain's failure to tackle grooming gangs and institutional child sexual abuse. Overnight, my phone didn't stop ringing. Over three intense weeks, I gave more than fifty interviews across the UK and internationally, sharing the truths I've been shouting about for over a decade – truths about systemic neglect, police failures, and political cowardice.

After thirteen years of battling indifference, people were really listening. The world was finally asking the question survivors have asked for years: how has this been allowed to continue?

That surge of attention also brought something special. Patrick Christys invited me onto GB News to discuss the urgent need for reform – and then launched a fundraiser for the Foundation. The response was overwhelming. That generosity gave us the means to expand our small, overstretched team, recruit new trustees, and bring in the expertise we so desperately needed.

The truth is, we'd been working beyond capacity for too long. The emotional weight of supporting survivors while challenging broken systems had taken its toll.

Strengthening our team has allowed us to rebuild, refocus, and plan strategically for the future – ensuring we will keep going for the long haul.

Jade: Transforming Pain into Power

One of the most powerful moments of 2025 came when I accompanied Jade – one of our survivors – to tell her story publicly for the first time. Together, we recorded an episode of 'Triggernometry', where Jade spoke with extraordinary honesty about the years of abuse she suffered, the betrayal of the authorities who should have protected her, and her fight to reclaim her life.

When Jade first came to us, she was utterly broken – weighed down by shame and guilt that never belonged to her. When I first met her in London she could barely speak through the tears she shed, the pain and trauma of her journey so heartbreaking to me. Through patient advocacy and emotional support, she found her courage and her voice. Seeing her sit in front of that camera in July, no longer a victim but a survivor reclaiming her story, was a very proud but emotional moment.

In January, Jade and I will share a stage again – this time at a live speaking event before a prestigious audience, where she'll tell her story in person. Another huge milestone. Her courage shows exactly what we mean by Transforming Pain into Power. With the right support, even those most damaged by the system can move forward, heal, and rebuild their lives.

We are also fighting beside Jade to overturn her criminal conviction – a conviction that should never have happened. She was a child who had endured horrific abuse by organised gangs of men, yet instead of protecting her and prosecuting her rapists, our so-called 'justice' system took the easy option and prosecuted her instead. Although by no means an isolated case, it is a poignant example of one of the most disgraceful miscarriages of justice I have seen – and we won't stop until it's overturned.

Chantelle: From Harm to Hope

Another deeply painful episode this year involved Chantelle, one of our long-term survivors supported under Operation Greenjacket. I recently spoke out publicly about the appalling way she was treated by Greater Manchester Police after a senior investigating officer ordered a "cold call" to her at 5.30 p.m. on a Friday evening – despite her known vulnerabilities and trauma history.

But this time, speaking out made a difference.



That single act caused devastating harm to Chantelle’s mental health. It could easily have led to tragedy. It’s precisely the kind of insensitive, bureaucratic behaviour that leads to “serious case reviews” and the usual empty mantra of “lessons learned.”

After I posted about Chantelle’s experience on my social media, the response was enormous. Within days, I was contacted by senior GMP officers and held direct, constructive conversations about Chantelle’s case and victim care more widely. I spoke personally with an Assistant Chief Constable who offered what felt like a genuine apology and gave me cast-iron assurances that future victim contact will now go through The Maggie Oliver Foundation, ensuring survivors’ wishes are respected and no one else is retraumatised in this way again.

In a further positive step, I’ve since learned that Chantelle’s experience is being used by the Metropolitan Police Sexual Crime and Soteria teams as a powerful example of how **NOT** to treat survivors. Her pain is already shaping training and awareness elsewhere in the country – proof that when survivors’ voices are heard, change begins.

We have also reinstated our monthly tracker meetings with GMP, which had slipped in recent months. These meetings are crucial opportunities to challenge failings, push for accountability, and fight for progress in the most serious of cases.

Chantelle’s experience also highlights something fundamental – the critical importance of effective communication. So many of the harms we see could be avoided if empathy, clarity, and care were at the centre of every interaction. This is an area we are now working hard to strengthen with several police forces across the country, helping to develop better communication frameworks and trauma-informed approaches that prioritise safety and wellbeing. I’m not gonna lie though, it’s a constant daily challenge and success depends very much on the individual officer we are dealing with, and that sadly can be a ‘postcode lottery’.

Social media can be toxic, but it can also be transformative. It gives survivors like Chantelle a voice – and sometimes that public exposure is what finally forces institutions to act. For all its risks, I truly believe awareness is power, and every spark of truth brings us closer to justice.

If Chantelle sharing her experience helps even one other survivor who’s been ignored or retraumatised by the system, then her courage will not be in vain. That is what Transforming Pain into Power looks like in action.

Judicial Review and the New National Enquiry

The defining development of 2025 has been our decision to lead a Judicial Review challenging the Government’s refusal to implement the 20 recommendations made by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), led by Professor Alexis Jay.



That inquiry took years, cost hundreds of millions, and heard from thousands of survivors who relived unimaginable trauma to drive change. They were promised action. Yet three years later, 18 of the 20 recommendations STILL remain unimplemented.

It begs the question: why did we have IICSA at all? Why ask survivors to bare their souls if successive governments simply ignore the findings? It is a betrayal – not only of those who gave evidence, but of every victim who believed things would finally change.

We are leading this challenge on behalf of survivors across the UK – and on behalf of every decent person who is as disgusted as we are that political promises have once again amounted to empty words. This is about more than one report or one government. It is about the moral duty of a nation to protect its children and confront, once and for all, the failures that have allowed abuse to thrive.

At the same time, our legal team is now engaged with the new National Enquiry into Grooming Gangs on behalf of our umbrella group of survivors of grooming gangs – a group now standing at over 25 and growing. Not one of them has been approached to take part, despite the Government being fully aware of their desire to be included.

Even more shocking is that ten members of this group are the very survivors whom Baroness Casey personally met, listened to, and demanded should be heard. Yet, once again, their voices are being ignored. Over four months since publication, not one of them has been spoken to and we have not received a single answer to any of the issues raised, nor any clarity on the direction of travel.

It is truly scandalous.

This new enquiry, instead of offering transparency and inclusion, appears to be operating behind closed doors, cherry-picking a handful of survivors while shutting out those who have already been silenced for too long. We know there are cynical attempts being made to coerce survivors, for it to be watered down, controlled, and managed – rather than seeking the truth.

But we will fight this with all we have. Survivors of grooming gangs deserve answers, and our country deserves systemic change to stop this abuse destroying more children's lives for decades to come.

Why are those whose duty it is to protect children so insistent on concealing the truth and blocking change? That's a question I still don't know the answer to – but I do know we'll never stop asking it.



For decades, politicians have promised lessons learned and culture change, but people can see the truth: outrage, inquiry, denial, delay. Survivors deserve more.

And that's what we're doing. We may not be lawyers, but we are fearless. If those in power won't act voluntarily, we'll compel them to through the courts. Change doesn't come from silence; it comes from courage, persistence, and collective strength.

Strengthening the Foundation

Alongside our Force for Change work, 2025 has also been a year of growth and renewal. We've welcomed new trustees who bring expertise in safeguarding, finance, and governance, ensuring our organisation is as strong as our mission.

Our new Operations Manager, Hannah Coban, joined us with over 13 years of experience in the third sector. Hannah now leads our Advocacy Team and has been instrumental in strengthening our systems while ensuring we remain grounded in our trauma-informed values.

The wellbeing of our team remains paramount. Supporting survivors is emotionally demanding, and caring for those who care is how we sustain this work.

A New Chapter: Sharing Our Story

I'm also incredibly excited to share that we are currently involved in two new documentaries, with several others already in the pipeline. One, in particular, is very special to me personally – an extraordinary project that will tell the story of how The Maggie Oliver Foundation came into existence.

Filming it has been a very emotional trip down memory lane, but also quite cathartic in all honesty, revisiting people and places from my past and reflecting on how far this journey has brought me – from my first day in uniform at Moss Side Police Station to standing here today leading a small but values-driven national charity. It's reminded me of why I walked away, and how that painful choice has grown into something much bigger than I could ever have imagined.

I can't say too much yet, but please watch this space – it's going to be something truly powerful.



Looking Forward

As we head into 2026, our priorities are clear.

First, we will continue to fight for the full implementation of the IICSA recommendations and resist every attempt to water them down.

Second, we will expand our Force for Change work, supporting survivors while challenging injustice wherever it exists.

Third, we will continue to amplify our national voice so survivors' experiences remain central to the conversation on child protection, policing, and justice.

2025 has been difficult, but it has also been the year we came of age. Our voice now stands firmly at the centre of the national dialogue. Attempts to silence or sideline us will continue – but we are not going anywhere.

As we move forward, I am filled with hope: hope that truth will keep cutting through the noise; hope that survivors will keep finding strength in one another; and hope that, one day, justice will not depend on who shouts the loudest, but on what is right.

Until that day, we will keep shining a light where others prefer darkness. We will keep transforming 'PAIN INTO POWER' – one voice, one survivor, one act of courage at a time.

With love, gratitude, and absolute determination,

Maggie
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IN THE MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

Our brave survivor, Jade speaks to Triggernometry

We would encourage anyone who has followed Maggie's work over the past 15 years to listen to Jade's story as told to Triggernometry.

It's true. It's harrowing. And in our opinion it's disgusting that a child whose life had been destroyed by daily rapes and abuse by gangs of men still found herself classed as a 'paedophile' just 2 weeks after her 16th birthday, even though the authorities tasked with protecting her had turned a blind eye to her abuse for two years previously....!!! After all it's much easier to prosecute one child (yes a child! Up to age 18 in law!!!) than a sophisticated gang of prolific abusers!!!

Jade has found her voice now, but the trauma she still feels is clear for all to see - as a result not only of the abuse itself, but because social services, the police, the courts all abandoned her in her hour of need and instead criminalised her and sent her to prison!

When Jade first watched the BBC drama 'Three Girls', she came to The Maggie Oliver Foundation for our help. Maggie met her at Euston train station with her mum - and she was so overcome with emotion and pain that she was physically shaking like a leaf, traumatised beyond words and carrying immense guilt and shame because of having been labelled a 'child abuser' and been to prison and called 'a nonce'.



Two and a half years later, after having been supported for many months through our emotional support service and speaking every week to one of our fully trained ambassadors, and supported by our Advocacy team, she now knows the shame is not hers! It is for those who should have **PROTECTED HER** to feel. They failed miserably in that duty.

So we put her forward and then held her hand as she told some of her story to Anna Hall in the recent Channel 4 documentary 'Groomed: A National Scandal'.

This is her full story for the first time. We are fighting alongside her still to clear her name, & she was one of the survivors we took to meet Baroness Casey, whose story is reflected in the national audit.

But Jade is proud that she is speaking out. And helping others who have held their heads in unjustified shame.

And we truly, 100% believe that EVERY survivor can begin the road to recovery with the help of people who care, who believe in them.





ADVOCACY SPOTLIGHT

Advocacy at The Maggie Oliver Foundation

At The Maggie Oliver Foundation, our Advocacy Service stands beside survivors throughout their journey, offering guidance, clarity, and emotional support while navigating complex systems such as the police, **CPS**, and legal processes.

Over recent months, our advocates have supported survivors with police complaints, assisted with referrals to **CSARP** (Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel), and helped secure legal representation for **CICA** and other justice-related cases.

We're also proud to celebrate a significant success this season – after a long-awaited police response, one of our survivors has finally received confirmation that the **CPS** will be pressing charges.



This decision is a powerful reminder that perseverance, advocacy, and courage can pave the way to justice.

Every success is a team effort, and we're so proud of the dedication and compassion our advocates bring to transforming pain into power.

Takeaway Tip for Survivors Navigating the CJS

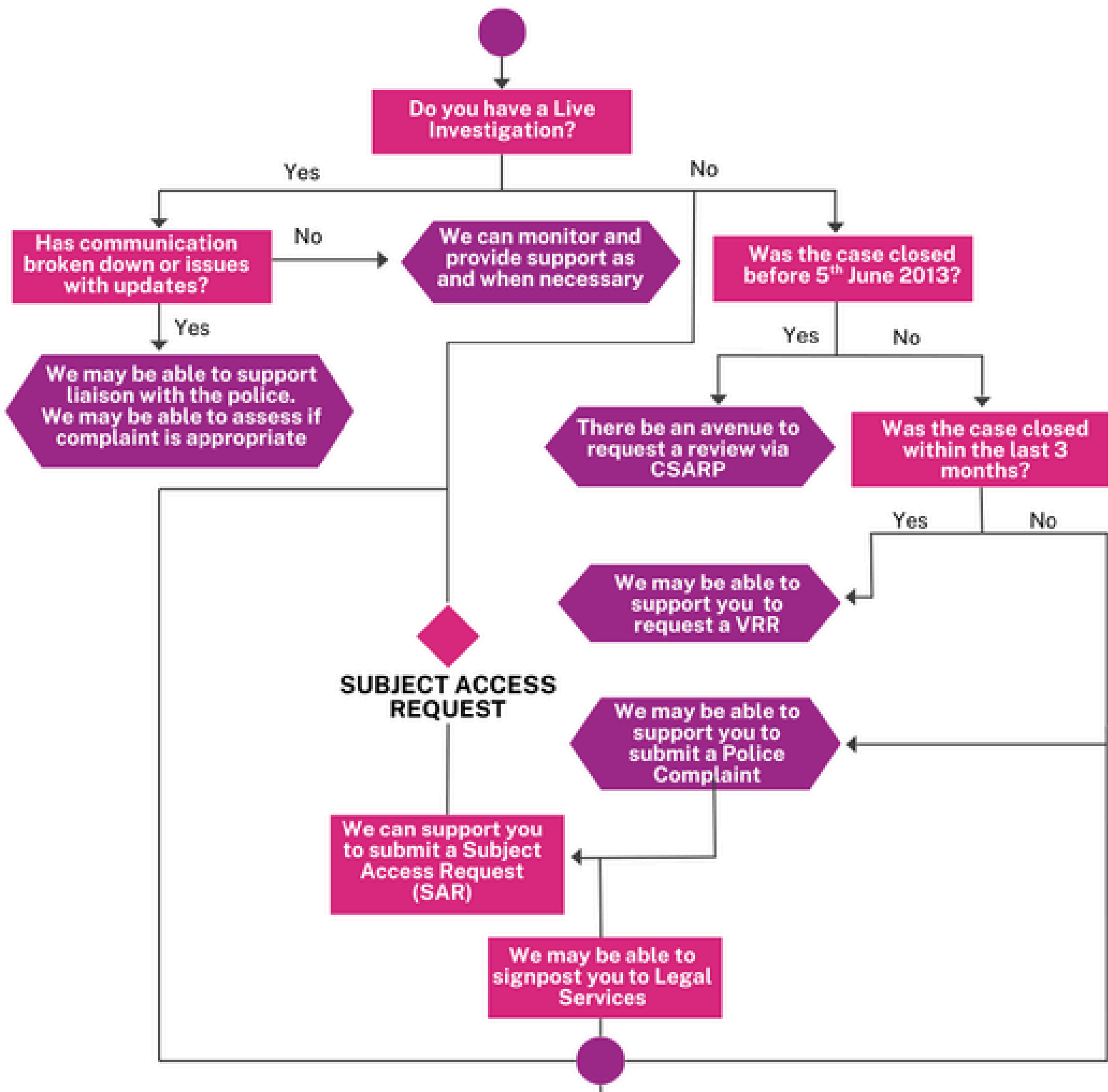
The Criminal Justice System can feel daunting, but you are not alone. Keep a record of all communication with police, solicitors, and support services – it helps you stay organised and empowered. And remember: asking for advocacy is your right, not a privilege. Support is here to help you stand strong through the process.

One survivor recently shared:

“I really do believe I wouldn't have gotten this far without TMOF – you have been my biggest safety net.”



PROCESS MAP TMOF ADVOCACY SUPPORT



If all avenues are exhausted, you may wish to consider sharing your story via our Survivors Stories Website and Social Media Platform

In some cases, and with the survivor's explicit consent, it may be appropriate to approach the media. While coverage is not guaranteed, we have previously used this to successfully highlight systemic failures and as part of our Force for Change Championing



INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are thrilled to introduce our new member of staff to our team. Hannah will play a pivotal role in driving change and strategy as we advance on our remarkable journey.

Incredibly, we received almost 120 applications for this post, but Hannah just blew us away and we knew for certain we had found “our person!”

Hannah joins us as our 'Operations Manager' and she will be responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the Foundation, which will span across a variety of areas within the charity, which will include finance, managing the advocacy team, charity compliance, charity registration, logistics and the development of internal processes.



Hannah

My name is Hannah Coban, and I’m thrilled to be joining The Maggie Oliver Foundation as Operations Manager. I bring over 13 years of experience in the third sector, supporting organisations that tackle social injustice and inequality. For the past five years, my work has focused specifically on addressing sexual violence and exploitation—an area that resonates deeply with me both professionally and personally.

Throughout my career, I’ve witnessed the profound and lasting impact that sexual violence has on victims, survivors, and their families. I’m passionate about supporting organisations that provide compassionate, trauma-informed care while also challenging systemic failures and advocating for meaningful change.

I began my journey in the sector as a youth advocate, which ignited my commitment to ensuring that everyone has access to the support they need to live safe, fulfilled and empowered lives. I’m especially excited to lead the Advocacy Team at the Foundation, helping to ensure that victims and survivors are supported and their voices are heard.

The Maggie Oliver Foundation’s dual focus on frontline support and institutional accountability is both inspiring and essential. I’ve long admired its work and have been moved by the powerful testimonies of those it has helped.

I’m driven by a desire to help mission-led organisations grow and thrive. I believe that empowering teams and fostering a values-led culture leads to the best outcomes for those we serve. This role offers a unique opportunity to contribute both strategically and operationally to a cause I care deeply about—while continuing to grow professionally in alignment with my values.



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MANCHESTER PRIDE PARADE 2025

Standing Proud: The Maggie Oliver Foundation at Manchester Pride Parade

Manchester Pride is always a highlight of the city's cultural calendar– a dazzling celebration of love and community. This year, The Maggie Oliver Foundation was honoured to take part in the iconic Pride Parade, joining thousands of individuals, charities and organisations marching together under the rainbow banner of inclusion.

As the streets filled with music, colour and joy our team proudly carried the Foundations message, celebrating our values of equality, respect and the right to live our lives free from fear and discrimination.



Why Pride Matters to Us

The Maggie Oliver Foundation exists to support survivors of sexual abuse. offering a safe, compassionate space where voices are heard, believed, and empowered.

By marching at Pride we wanted to send a clear message: survivors come from every background, and our commitment to justice and dignity includes everyone. Pride is about visibility, solidarity, and courage – values that lie at the very heart of our mission.



Our 13-Metre Float: A Moving Symbol of Strength

One of the highlights of the day was our incredible 13 metre-long float, which rolled proudly through the heart of Manchester. Decorated in the Foundation's signature pink and purple, the float became a beacon of hope and strength in the parade.

Bold across the float was our defining slogan #PainIntoPower – a reminder of the courage survivors show every day, and of our mission to transform trauma into strength, resilience and change.

Staff, ambassadors, survivors and supporters rode on board, waving flags and dancing to music that echoed through the streets.

Alongside them, others walked beside the float, handing out information and gifts to the crowd.

The size and energy of the float made sure our presence was impossible to miss- a bold statement that survivors' voices cannot and will not be ignored.

We are deeply grateful to PP O'Connor. Whose generous support made the float possible. Their contribution ensured that our message of strength and solidarity could be shared on such a powerful platform.



A Day of Connection and Celebration

From the moment we stepped onto Deansgate, the atmosphere was electric. Crowds cheered, waved flags and reached out in support as our group passed. We were met by claps and smiles, reminding us of the importance of standing together publicly and proudly.



More Than a Celebration

While Pride is joyful and celebratory, it is also a protest – a call for justice, safety and equality. For our Foundation, that message resonates deeply. Survivors of abuse often feel silenced, overlooked, or disbelieved. Pride reminds us all of the power of coming together to demand change and to create a world where everyone is free to live authentically and without fear.



Looking Ahead

Taking part in the Manchester Pride Parade – complete with our 13-meter float – was a milestone for The Maggie Oliver Foundation, and it won't be the last. We are committed to ensuring that survivors from all communities know that we are here for them, ready to listen, support and stand by their side.



Join Us in Making a Difference

Our work continues every day of the year. Whether you are a survivor seeking support, an ally who wants to raise awareness, or someone ready to donate or volunteer, there are many ways to stand with us.

Together we can build a future where every survivor's voice is heard, and where love, equality, and justice always prevail.

Credit and gratitude to Matt Oliver www.mattoliverphoto.com [@mattyoliverphotography](https://www.instagram.com/mattyoliverphotography) for being our amazing photographer for the day. To view Matt's other work, please visit his website



WELCOME TO OUR NEW AMBASSADOR'S

Beverley

My name is Beverley. I have spent nearly all of my working life in the health and social care sector working with and supporting people. I ran my own business for 28 years.

As a mum to 2 grown up daughters and a very proud Grandma to 2 little grandsons, family is very important to me and at the heart of everything I do and i feel very privileged to be able to play such an active role in their lives.

I have always believed that as a society, it is vital that we look after one another with respect and kindness. Alongside this, I hold a deep belief that justice in all aspects of life is a basic human right. I feel passionately that we should never ignore when things are wrong simply because it is the easier option - each of us has a personal responsibility to speak up and care.

After selling my business, I knew I still had more to give and wanted to continue to try and make a difference in peoples lives. By chance, I heard about TMOF while out walking my dog and, after looking in to the charity, I knew it was something that I wanted to be part of. I feel truly honoured to contribute to such an incredible support network, walking alongside people on their survivors pathway



Katie

Im driven through my own traumatic experiences, being a victim of CSE myself I know how unheard and unsafe victims feel, having little support after my own experience's I went down a dark path which led to Domestic violence and homelessness, after having my own daughter in 2021 and securing housing I knew I wanted to use my own trauma to empower not only Myself but as many people as I could and try and be some sort of voice for victims.

I started to look up careers in the CSE while getting my Level 2 in counselling skills, i stumbled upon Maggie Oliver, the Maggie Oliver foundation and all the work not only Maggie but her foundation and team had achieved and continue to achieve I knew I wanted to become part of it and help make a change for the victims, Im now in the process of getting my level 3 and have decided I want to go the whole way with my counselling journey to really enhance my chances of making a difference and working hands on to help not only victims of CSE but spread awareness and fight the injustices in the system



Darren

I chose to become an Ambassador with The Maggie Oliver Foundation not only because of the inspiration that Maggie herself represents, but because survivors deserve calm, consistent support that turns pain into power. Silence protects perpetrators, never victims. For me, being an Ambassador means showing up with compassion, curiosity, and no judgement - listening first, believing, and then helping survivors find safe next steps through the Pain into Power phonenumber and beyond.



I bring years of hands-on experience supporting looked-after children who are survivors of child sexual exploitation. My background in trauma-informed residential care, safeguarding practice, and multi-agency work with police, social care, health, and education has prepared me to handle disclosures, assess risk, plan for safety, and escalate concerns appropriately. Most importantly, it's taught me how to hold safe spaces built on trust, boundaries, and dignity.

In practice, my role as an Ambassador is about being steady and survivor-focused: offering emotional support, keeping accurate records, guiding people to specialist services, and advocating for better outcomes when systems fall short.

Above all, I stand alongside survivors for as long as it takes - drawing on both my professional and lived experience - so that they feel heard, regain control, and move forward on their terms. The Ambassador programme works because it's powered by volunteers who freely give their time and commitment. I'm proud to be one of them.

Suzi

My name is Suzanne but everyone calls me Suzi. I was one of the first people to join the foundation way back in the dark days of lockdown. I took a break of a few years as my job was incredibly demanding. When I became an ambassador I was honoured to be able to support several survivors during my time. Joining the Foundation has helped me face a lot of things that happened to me in my past and given me the means to deal with it, I know when I am ready to talk there will be a caring ear available to me. The support the Foundation offers is unique, and everyone is treated with compassion and respect. You will not find a more supportive group of people and they will be by your side thorough thick and thin.



I am married to a wonderful man and have three grown up children that I adore, a granddaughter who is my absolute world and a mad red cockapoo called Alfie! I am originally from Liverpool and get home to see my family at every opportunity. I am a massive Liverpool fan. I am also a Community First Responder.

I am so grateful that I have been given the opportunity to rejoin this amazing organisation.



Adam

As an Ambassador for the Maggie Oliver Foundation, my purpose is to support survivors of child sexual abuse and exploitation (CSAE) on their journey towards healing, and to stand alongside Maggie and the Foundation in the fight for justice.



I served as a Police Officer for 17 years, more than a decade of which I spent as a detective investigating sexual violence and child abuse. I led complex investigations into organised sexual exploitation, including the systemic drugging and abuse of women and children, which secured significant convictions.

In 2022, I blew the whistle on serious failings by the police and the Crown Prosecution Service, when an innocent person was wrongfully charged. Standing alone against both institutions, I prevented a miscarriage of justice, an act a defence barrister called “unparalleled in 40 years at the Bar.” This remains my proudest professional achievement.

I later resigned from the police due to a lack of well-being support, barriers to professional development, and bullying by senior officers. Today, I continue my commitment to fairness and justice as an investigator for an Ombudsman service. I am also a qualified Police Station Representative.

Although I would not describe myself as a survivor, I experienced profound adversity from an early age. Given up at birth, fostered, and adopted by three, I endured neglect and rejection from my adoptive parents that led to 3 suicide attempts between the ages of 10 and 15. I left home at 17 with my GCSEs and joined the police at 19.

Today, I draw on both my professional expertise and lived experience to walk alongside survivors as they reclaim their power and transform pain into healing



Saira

Through my personal journey of trauma starting in my teenage years, I came to understand the profound importance of compassion, community, and support. This is why I am deeply committed to raising awareness of, and supporting, the extraordinary work of The Maggie Oliver Foundation. The foundation stands as a beacon for survivors, offering practical help, advocacy, and the belief that no one should ever feel alone in their recovery.



As a South Asian, neurodivergent woman I have faced many barriers and challenges that at times felt overwhelming, being judged and isolated by society as a victim of abuse. I am a survivor of trauma; my journey reflects resilience and determination to survive. With the support of The Maggie Oliver Foundation, I gained courage and confidence to thrive, to be the person who I am and not be defined by my trauma. Having transformed my pain into power it allows me a purpose. I am now using my voice to inspire hope and healing in others.

Trauma does not have to define the future of survivors, TMOF allows opportunity for survivors to thrive. With a focus on personal growth, empowerment, and giving back, TMOF continue to share their story to shine a light for others still finding their way. By supporting the Maggie Oliver Foundation, I am proud to be part of a community that is creating a world where every survivor feels heard, supported, and empowered to reclaim their life through compassion and respect.

Michelle

I am deeply passionate about supporting victims and survivors of abuse, and I'm proud to be volunteering with The Maggie Oliver Foundation. My motivation stems from personal experience of domestic abuse and workplace sexual harassment, which has shaped my understanding and empathy for those navigating similar challenges.



I bring valuable life skills to this role, alongside a strong belief in the power of the 'survivor' mentality. I see resilience not just as recovery, but as transformation—and I'm committed to helping others find strength and hope in their journeys.

Professionally, my career has always centred around helping people. As a teacher, I've worked to empower individuals through education, advocacy, and support, and I continue to use these skills to uplift others in both my professional and voluntary work.

I'm honoured to contribute to the Foundation's mission and to stand alongside those who are reclaiming their voices and rebuilding their lives.





FUNDRAISING SPOTLIGHT

HUGE thanks and congratulations to Martin Bradshaw who obliterated his £500 target and raised **£660** for us hiking the Peak District Challenge on 19th September.

This involved 75km in 24 hours which is a real feat and you can see Martin's efforts in action as he kindly shared some photos along the way:

Martin:

"Thank you for your support it's been a pleasure to help I will keep trying to spread awareness... It's an amazing charity Maggie is a hero"



Also a huge thank you to:

Jean Woodall-Llewellyn for raising £156.25

David Young for raising £892.11 by completing the Classic Scooter Run from Germany to Scotland

Connor Marlow for raising £2507.69 in the Three Peaks Challenge

Vanessa Reed-Butcher for raising £666.25 in the Across Wales Walk 2025

Also a huge thank you to **CC5 Visuals** who are providing a Selfie Pod PhotoBooth to be used at our annual ball on Saturday 9th May 2026



'Your support means so much to everyone at TMOF'



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Fundraising with Purpose: TMOF's Branded Merchandise Initiative

As The Maggie Oliver Foundation continues to grow its impact, fundraising remains a vital pillar of sustainability and outreach. Looking ahead, TMOF is embracing a fresh and engaging way to support its mission: branded merchandise, available in a choice of two colours. *Modelled below by Mark*



This initiative is more than just a revenue stream—it's a statement of solidarity. Wearing TMOF merchandise allows supporters to visibly champion the cause, spark conversations, and help raise awareness of the Foundation's work supporting survivors of sexual abuse.

Why Merchandise Matters

The idea of branded kit has long been part of TMOF's strategic vision. Developing a merchandise section on the website is a key priority. Plans include showcasing fundraising ideas, celebrating fundraisers in a 'hall of fame', and offering branded items for confirmed fundraisers.

The Colours of Change

The merchandise will be available in two colours—each chosen to reflect the Foundation's values and visual identity. Whether supporters prefer bold and vibrant or subtle and classic, the dual-colour offering ensures inclusivity and personal expression.

What's Next

The upcoming launch of the merchandise section on the TMOF website will allow supporters to browse, order, and wear their support with pride. This complements other fundraising innovations, including auction events, corporate partnerships, and individual giving campaigns.

As TMOF continues to evolve, branded merchandise will serve as both a fundraising tool and a symbol of the community's shared commitment to justice, healing, and change





THE NICOLA GOTT LONG SERVICE AWARD

Our first recipient of **'The Nicola Gott - Long service Award'** is our amazing ambassador, Kelly Lees.

We feel that this is truly fitting for Kelly to receive this award as she truly epitomises turning her **'Pain into Power'**. As a survivor herself, Kelly has blossomed with the support that has surrounded her, within the **TMOF** family.

Kelly was among the first cohort of ambassadors to join **TMOF**, back in July 2020 and has been on our journey ever since.

During her time at **TMOF**, Kelly has appeared in the media to share her experiences of growing up in the care system and sharing how they turned a blind eye to the abuse that she suffered, allowed her story to be shared to raise awareness at a fundraising event, spoke with United Nations in Sweden, alongside Maggie herself and supported other brave survivors via our 'listening ear' service.

As part of her long service award, Kelly also received a hotel stay of her choice, after being nominated to our partnership with **'Room to reward'** scheme.

Kelly chose a hotel in London and enjoyed a fun filled weekend, with her fellow ambassador Heather, who has been a huge support to Kelly.



We think Kelly's face says it all...it was truly a very special weekend.

Nicola would be over the moon, at the fact that Kelly was the first recipient to receive this award, named in her honour.





COMPETITION

Calling All Budding Fashion Designers!

We're on the lookout for creative minds to design a t-shirt that captures the heart of The Maggie Oliver Foundation (**TMOF**) and our powerful motto: '**Turning Pain into Power**'.

The winning design will be brought to life and showcased at our 'pop-up shop' during the Annual Ball on 9th May, held at the iconic Radisson Edwardian Hotel in the heart of Manchester.

It will also feature in the brand-new merchandise section on our website, helping us raise vital funds to continue our life-changing work.

A panel of **TMOF** staff will select the winning entry, and the designer will receive a ticket to the Annual Ball, where they'll see their creation proudly displayed and available for purchase.

Please send your entries to events@themaggieoliverfoundation.com by 1st February 2026

We look forward to seeing all of your creations!





SUPPORT OUR BOOK

Survivors: One Brave Detective's Battle to Expose the Rochdale Child Abuse Scandal

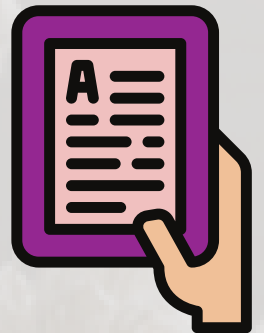
THE SHOCKING TRUE STORY BEHIND THE HIT TV DRAMA THREE GIRLS

When detective Maggie Oliver first discovered that children as young as 10 were being groomed, abused and trafficked for sex by gangs of men in the Rochdale area, she felt like a lonely voice calling for people to act.

This is the heart-breaking and shocking story of how the actions of one determined detective secured convictions in what is now one of the most notorious grooming cases in the UK. Along the way Maggie discovered countless examples of how the authorities were letting down our most vulnerable children. She blew the whistle, losing her job and at times her mind at times, in a bid to stop others from experiencing the same.



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WILL YOU SUPPORT US?

A huge part of the funding which keeps our work going comes from like-minded members of the public. We know times are tight right now and are so grateful to everyone who generously donates. Some make one-off donations, and we have a growing group of supporters giving on monthly basis from £2 per month upwards. As a small charity with a BIG mission, every penny counts.



Or scan the QR code



To make a donation please click on the Donate Button or use the QR code above to go straight to our Donate Page. You can make a donation via our Just Giving page, or alternatively you can use the Donations Form on our website to make a one off or reoccurring payment. If you have any questions, please contact supporters@themaggieoliverfoundation.com. We are so grateful for your donation. Thank you!

£25

pays for an hour of legal advocacy support for a survivor being failed by the criminal justice system

£50

pays for an emotional support call through our Pain into Power phonenumber

£400

sponsors a survivor through a full eight-week course of emotional support through our Pain into Power phonenumber

£900

sponsors a survivor through a complete course of emotional support and a complete 12-week course of group therapy





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URGENT SUPPORT

If you are concerned about the immediate safety of yourself or someone else, please contact one of the services listed below. If your email is urgent please respond to this email putting "URGENT" in the subject and we will try to prioritise responding.

For immediate help contact:

The **police on 999** where there is an immediate threat to life or if you have been victim of or witnessed a current crime.

Call 111 and select the 'mental health' option to access support

Your **GP or your local A&E Department** is you need urgent mental health support or are feeling suicidal.

Call the **Samaritans for free on 116 123** or text **SHOUT to 85258** if you are struggling with your mental health or feeling suicidal (or are worried about somebody who is).

Rape Crisis can be contacted through various methods shown here:



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TRAUMA AWARENESS CARDS

Do you struggle with appointments, whether that's waiting in a room with a lot of other people, or examinations that are intimate?

Would you rather not attend the appointment, than inform the staff you struggle with those types of situations?

Then please take a look at the Trauma awareness cards that we have available.

You can either download a pdf version of the cards [here](#)
scan the QR code below

or contact charlene@themaggieoliverfoundation.com to request some physical copies

We hope you find these useful, when you are needing support the most.

Just simply hand the card over to the person you have the appointment with, and this will explain how you find situations like this difficult, and how they can assist you





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