



## For decades powerful institutions protected powerful men. Survivors organised to expose the network.

Survivors' fight for accountability from the September 2024 BBC exposé to the end of May 2026.

23 September 2024	Trafficking survivor and Leigh Day lawyers <a href="#">call for a statutory public inquiry</a> into abuse and trafficking.
26 September 2024	Dai Davies, former head of Scotland Yard's Royal Protection Command <a href="#">tells the BBC</a> "questions need to be asked and that could happen in the form of a public inquiry".
November 2024 onwards	Survivors engage with Jess Phillips on multiple occasions. Until March 2026, Phillips responds with pro forma letters referencing the VAWG strategy.
November 2024 onwards	Mounting calls for a public inquiry issued in private correspondence and in the British press, originating from multiple survivors, Leigh Day law firm, David Hooper, Right to Equality, NOA (including a <a href="#">hand delivered letter to the PM</a> , delivered by Shanta Sundarason and Rachael Louw)
November 2024	A survivor approaches Baroness Harman and Wendy Chamberlain, asking for support for a public inquiry. Baroness Harman calls for a public inquiry on <a href="#">Newsnight</a> .
27 November 2024	The Metropolitan Police Service publicly announces that it has opened an investigation into people who may have facilitated or enabled sexual abuse by Mohamed Al Fayed. The investigation is code named Cornpoppy.
22 April 2025	NOA Co-Founder writes to Claire Waxman, London Victims' Commissioner, to request her intervention to address deteriorating trust in the Met police Cornpoppy investigation. After meeting with survivors, Claire Waxman engages with the investigation.
22 September 2025	NOA submits evidence to the <a href="#">Justice Committee Inquiry: Access to Justice</a> , supported by Right to Equality and McCue Jury & Partners law firm, highlighting serious failures within the British justice system. "Isabella" of NOA attends the Justice Committee Inquiry: Access to Justice Roundtable at the House of Commons on 9 March 2026.
24 September 2025	NOA asks Wendy Chamberlain MP to ensure that any APPG (All-Party Parliamentary Group) for survivors is inclusive of all survivors.



27 September 2025	NOA outreach to Karen Bradley in her capacity as Chair of the Home Affairs Committee, asking to give lived experience evidence in respect of the Home Office's Call for Evidence on the Identification of Victims of Modern Slavery, to which NOA submitted evidence. Repeated requests were declined on 30 September 2025, 20 October 2025, 14 November 2025, 26 January 2026.
3 October 2025	NOA submits evidence to the <a href="#">PAC Call for Evidence: Government Compensation Schemes</a> , highlighting the need for statutory redress in cases of mass harm.
3 October 2025	NOA submits evidence to the <a href="#">Home Office Call for Evidence: Identification of Victims of Modern Slavery</a> , detailing failures of the Met to identify potential victims of trafficking in the Fayed case. The Home Affairs Committee declined to hear NOA lived experience for this purpose (see above). The report, published on 24 February 2026, did not reference the issues raised in NOA's submission.
9 October 2025	NOA submits evidence to GRETA for the purpose of its 4 <sup>th</sup> UK evaluation round, in respect of a current and serious failure by the UK to fulfil its obligations under the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (ECAT). GRETA referenced in NOA's submission it's UK evaluation report published on 5 May, 2026.
5 November 2025	French police officially launch an investigation into " <a href="#">potential acts of aggravated trafficking... with multiple victims</a> ", following discussions with survivors including Pelham Spong, Rachael Louw and Kristina Svensson.
7 November 2025	The Met updates survivors, referring to the French investigation as "a formal investigation into the handling of sexual abuse allegations involving Mohamed Al Fayed", omitting the term "trafficking" used by French police to describe the investigation.
25 November 2025	<a href="#">APPG for survivors of Fayed and Harrods formally announced</a> , chaired by Wendy Chamberlain MP and Dave Robertson MP.
9 December 2025	The Met updates survivors, saying: "thank you to those who have written in with questions.... One such enquiry relates to the offence of trafficking so I will try and explain some of this legislation and how it is assessed, particularly where the alleged conduct occurred before specific statutory provisions criminalising trafficking were introduced. Under current law, such conduct may fall under section 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, which addresses human trafficking and exploitation. Previously, similar conduct may have constituted an offence under section 58 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003. The date of the offence determines which provision applies."
19 December 2025	NOA writes to members of the APPG requesting their help in writing to the Home Secretary on survivors' behalf. NOA requests that the MPs' letter ask why trafficking has not been recognised in this case, which would be reflected in referrals of victims to the NRM, the UK's statutory framework for recognising trafficking under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The APPG writes to the Home Secretary on 16 January 2026. Jess Phillips responds to the letter on 23 February 2026.



21 December 2025	NOA writes to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary and the Justice Secretary, detailing serious allegations and highlighting the failings of the British state in this regard. Jess Phillips responds on 14 January 2026, stating she will meet survivors through the APPG.
12 January 2026	NOA submits various FOIs, including to the Home Office, asking whether it holds historic or current information referring to Harrods and relating to, amongst other crimes, human trafficking. On 5 March 2026, NOA receives a response stating that the FOI has been rejected, but that “The Minister has requested that a meeting be arranged between you and her to try and better understand. Her team will be in touch with you to arrange.” NOA was contacted by Jess Phillips’ team on 9 March 2026.
16 January 2026	NOA member <a href="#">publishes article</a> asking “At least 400 women have come forward in the wake of the Harrods abuse scandal so why aren’t they being referred to the National Referral Mechanism?” and referring survivors to information about NRM referrals on the No One Above website.
20 January 2026	NOA sends a letter to the Met addressing “serious safeguarding concerns arising from the way civil redress for survivors of abuse linked to Harrods and the Fayed estate is reportedly being structured and to ask what steps the [Met] is taking to mitigate foreseeable risks to victims and to ongoing criminal investigations.” The letter referred to “allegations of serious sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking”. The Met responds on 9 February 2026, stating that the NOA letter described “broad and hypothetical risks” and that NOA concerns were “broad and thematic” in nature.
26 January 2026	NOA submits evidence to Commissioner O’Flaherty, ECHR Commissioner, detailing serious and longstanding failures by the UK to prevent, identify, investigate and remedy human trafficking and sexual exploitation linked to Mohamed Al Fayed and associated institutions.
28 January 2026	NOA submits evidence to the UN Special Rapporteur in Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, detailing a sustained trafficking infrastructure that involved the sexual exploitation of more than 400 women and children over several decades.
5 February 2026	Prime Minister Keir Starmer <a href="#">gives remarks during a visit to Hastings</a> : “In this country, we will not look away. We will not shrug our shoulders. And we will not allow the powerful to treat justice as optional. We will pursue the truth. We will uphold the integrity of public life. And we will do everything in our power And in the interests of justice — to ensure accountability is delivered. That is what the public expects. It is what the victims deserve. And it is what I will do.”
11 February 2026	In response to Keir Starmer’s comments in Hastings, “Isabella” and Epstein survivor Anouska de Georgiou <a href="#">speak on BBC World at One</a> about the Met failings in identifying the Fayed case as one of trafficking, describing the case as “a multi-perpetrator, multi-jurisdictional, multi-decade trafficking organisation.”



11 February 2026	Fayed survivors privately speak with Harriet Harman and Natalie Fleet about their experiences and share a dossier of public and private calls for a Public Inquiry, and letters requesting the scope of police investigations, made by or known to NOA.
11 February 2026	Natalie Fleet MP asks the Prime Minister to launch a public inquiry into the crimes of Al Fayed and that the PM meet with survivors, stating " <a href="#">These are our victims, this is our Epstein</a> ".
12 February 2026	Dame Jasvinder Sanghera, independent survivor advocate appointed by Harrods, speaks to BBC World at One, stating of the Fayed case that "the police should absolutely be considering this as trafficking"
13 February 2026	Natalie Fleet speaks to the <a href="#">News Agents studio</a> , stating "Mohamed al Fayed... is the UK's version of Jeffrey Epstein"
15 February 2026	Jess Phillips <a href="#">publishes an article in the Guardian</a> , stating that tackling sexual abuse/violence against women and girls and supporting victims "must never only be cared about when it is politically expedient to do so" and that "deeds not words are what matter".
25 February 2026	<a href="#">Paul Kohler MP. "Isabella's" MP, in PMQ's, asked</a> : "The Prime Minister recently stated "we will not allow the powerful to treat justice as optional". He was talking about Epstein's enablers - but my constituent, Isabella, has asked me to ask the PM whether his words also apply to those who assisted Britain's Epstein, Mohamed El Fayad. A monster who, with others, abused her and hundreds of other women in a human trafficking scandal that the Met, unlike the French authorities, are still refusing to treat as such. So, will the Prime Minister ensure sufficient resources are committed to fully investigating this multi-perpetrator, multi-jurisdictional, multi-decade trafficking outrage - and meet with Isabella & her fellow victims to understand the terrible scale of this shocking crime." The PM responded that Jess Phillips would meet with survivors.
27 February 2026	NOA submits evidence to the US Trafficking in Persons Report, relating to institutional failures by the UK in responding to Mohamed Al Fayed's labour and sex trafficking enterprise.
27 February	The Observer publishes an <a href="#">article by Nazir Afzal</a> , entitled "Fayed's Harrods could be Britain's Epstein Island", where Nazir flags he had recently met with NOA. The Observer also publishes a linked article focused on two Fayed survivors, Rachael Louw and Kristina Svensson, entitled " <a href="#">It's as if the women were cattle: Fayed survivors look to France for justice</a> "
4 March 2026	Phil Brewer, former head of the Met's anti-trafficking unit, <a href="#">speaks to the BBC</a> , stating that "he could not understand why the operation was not already a trafficking investigation". Trafficking survivor "Anne": "Anne also claims she has tried repeatedly to report what happened to her to Operation Cornpoppy, but believes her case has not been followed up sufficiently."



5 March 2026	Natalie Fleet MP confirms to all survivors that the PM has agreed to meet with them. NOA calls for “deeds not words” and asks that the PM consider the matters raised within that email ahead of any meeting. NOA distributes a contact for survivor representatives so that Natalie Fleet can engage all survivors in consultation.
6 March 2026	Statement from the Met saying that between 25 February and 5 March, it had conducted interviews under caution with “ <a href="#">three women aged in their 40’s, 50’s and 60’s</a> ”. It states that they were questioned in relation to aiding and abetting rape and sexual assault, assisting the commission of sexual offences and human trafficking for sexual exploitation.
9 March 2026	APPG confirms 23 March as meeting date for Jess Phillips to meet with survivors via the APPG
9 March 2026	NOA member Isabella speaks at the Justice Committee’s Access to Justice roundtable in parliament. See <a href="#">NOA’s submission</a> .
11 March 2026	<a href="#">Wendy Chamberlain asks the PM at PMQ’s</a> : “...here in the UK we have our own Epstein, Mohamed Fayed, and the institutions that supported his crimes... we welcome the actions of the Metropolitan Police in recent days – but we continue to call on them to describe those crimes as what they were, trafficking. Does the Prime Minister recognise that characterisation and will he meet with the APPG and Survivors to hear their asks?” The PM declined to confirm whether he recognised the characterisation as trafficking.
11 March 2026	APPG confirms that the PM has agreed to meet with survivors.
13 March 2026	<a href="#">NOA writes to the PM</a> setting out a request for independent scrutiny of the scope of the Met investigation and acknowledgement of harm.
14 March 2026	NOA analysis and survivor insights contribute to <a href="#">Times story on Epstein Fayed trafficking connections</a> .
15 March 2026	NOA members speak to <a href="#">Times Radio</a> about how the ‘one bad man’ narrative focused on Mohamed Al Fayed’s offending obscures a wider trafficking system now understood to overlap with that of Jeffrey Epstein.
23 March 2026	<a href="#">NOA writes to the PM</a> asking for anti-SLAPP legislation to be included in the King’s speech.
24 March 2026	Isabella from NOA speaks to <a href="#">BBC WATO</a> to call for an independent investigation of the police investigation and NOA’s concern over Jess Phillips’ skepticism about the efficacy of a trafficking investigation and public inquiry. Related <a href="#">BBC coverage</a> .
31 March 2026	NOA sends a dossier to Jess Phillips on recommendations for reform relating to access to justice.
29 April 2026	<a href="#">BBC reports</a> on the first positive conclusive grounds decision in the Fayed case, arising from NOA’s NRM campaign



5 May 2026	<a href="#">GRETA publishes its 4th evaluation of the UK's compliance with anti-trafficking obligations</a> , in which it references NOA's submission, flagging that the Met is not investigating the case as one of trafficking despite all indicators being present
7 May 2026	Justine from NOA speaks to <a href="#">BBC Today</a> and <a href="#">BBC Radio Scotland Drivetime</a> about the <a href="#">IOPC Investigations</a> and Met failings
8 May 2026	First positive conclusive grounds decision for a domestic trafficking case received by survivor referring via Unseen UK and NOAs NRM campaign.
10 May 2026	<a href="#">NOA sends an open letter to the Met, Prime Minister, Home Secretary and Justice Secretary</a> regarding the Met's failure to make NRM referrals and the scope of the Cornpoppy investigation.
11 May 2026	NOA invited to meet with Jess Phillips and Alex Davies-Jones. Jess committed to speak to the NCA about independent oversight of the Met investigation, among other things
12 May 2026	Jess Phillips and Alex Davies-Jones resign.
19 May 2026	NOA sends proposed terms of reference for a Home Affairs Committee Inquiry on current failings in the case, to Karen Bradley
20 May 2026	<a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx21knljzv7o">https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx21knljzv7o</a> to discuss failings.
27 May 2026	The APPG confirmed 3 June for the Prime Minister to meet survivors, following NOA's meeting with Natalie Fleet MP and Harriet Harman in February 2026, following which the Prime Minister agreed to hold the meeting.
29 May 2026	Deadline for survivors to submit questions in advance of the 3 June meeting with the Prime Minister.