

What do we do?

Information and Support

Information and news is available on our website: www.factuk.org & our Twitter page: @FACTukorg
We are unable to provide legal advice. When possible, we aim to provide a Helpline to offer support and (non-legal) information to those falsely accused, those wrongfully convicted, on release, and to their families.

Campaigning and Lobbying

We campaign to raise awareness – through our website, newsletter, twitter account, responses to government consultations, letters to MPs and media interviews. More people are needed to assist us in carrying out this important work to prevent and minimise the severe consequences for those wrongly accused.

Quarterly Newsletter

We publish an on-line newsletter, 'FACTion', which we distribute to members with email addresses and if requested by post to those who require hard copies.

National Conferences

Two conferences are held annually, primarily to support members of FACT but also to discuss relevant issues with interested parties, including lawyers, MPs, academics and other organisations.

We need your help

All our work is undertaken by volunteers and is unfunded. We would appreciate any financial help or time you might be able to offer.

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False
Allegations
in
Careers
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Trust



When you
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Coach

Was I there?

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FACT abhors child abuse and abuse against adults, whether sexual, violent or psychological.

We have no doubt that children and vulnerable adults are sometimes abused, including sometimes by their carers and by their teachers, but equally we have no doubt that some allegations are untrue, whether deliberately so or in error. We have many members whose lives and families' lives have been devastated by completely unjust claims. It is obviously worse for those who are prosecuted and convicted, but there are many more who are wrongly accused with dire, lasting results.

“Innocent until proven guilty”

The Savile-effect has led to steep rise in allegations of abuse both historical and recent. Also, there has been a drive by the Government, CPS, Victim Support and other bodies to increase convictions for sexual offences. While this gives true victims the courage to come forward, it widens opportunities for false claims to be made and heightens the need for balances and checks within safeguarding policies, criminal investigation processes, and by the media.

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What is FACT?

Founded in the 1990s, FACT is a nationwide, voluntary, unfunded organisation. Run by a national committee, it is an awareness-raising, campaigning and support-giving organisation. We focus on the issues of false accusations and wrongful convictions relating to alleged abuse or misconduct when working with children or vulnerable adults.

**Falsely Accused Carers, Teachers
and other professionals**

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Case Study 1:

"I had worked for 20 years as a Teacher and youth club leader. In May 2007 one of my students made false allegations and my life has been devastated. I have been humiliated and nearly lost everything.

While surfing the net for help, I found out about FACT. They provided me with information, advice and support, I would recommend them to anyone who is suffering. You are not alone."

Case Study 2:

"I worked as a carer in a hostel, allegations were made, an investigation took place. I was found innocent but I lost my job anyway. Now I can't find a job and I have been cut off by people I thought were friends.

I attended last year's FACT AGM and was very moved by the support and respect that everyone receives in this group. Most have been through so much. Only if it has happened to you can you appreciate the damage that is done."

Case Study 3:

"I recently served over two years in prison for a 'crime' that never took place. The allegation was over 25 years old and made by a former pupil whose serious criminal record was withheld from the jury. In the present climate, anyone whose job brings them into contact with other people is potentially at risk from false or malicious allegations, often motivated by the prospect of compensation.

I joined FACT while I was on bail and the regular newsletters and cards were a great help while I was behind bars. Now I've been released, I'm supporting FACT so I can help others who have been falsely accused or wrongfully convicted as a result of their professional work."

WARNING:

IF SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU WORKS AS A TEACHER, CARER, SOCIAL WORKER, SPORTS COACH DOCTOR, NURSE, MIDWIFE, YOUTH WORKER, CLERIC, MP...

you could see them unjustly dragged through the courts, vilified as a monster, and taken away from their family to serve a long prison sentence.



If the charge is sexual, there is no need for corroboration. A person can be convicted on the allegation of a single complainant with not a shred of supporting evidence. Or by contaminated "similar fact" evidence. **The accuser gets sympathy, support and maybe compensation. You get jail... or lose your job, the trust of others, your good reputation. You and your family face bankruptcy and the public lynch mob that automatically treats an allegation as evidence of guilt.**

We have every sympathy with those who have genuinely been abused at the hands of a carer, and would support them in wishing to see justice done. Unfortunately some individuals are making untrue allegations, for reasons ranging from psychological problems to the pursuit of compensation payments which run into tens of thousands of pounds.

The frightening fact is that once accused, the professionals have little hope of defending themselves. The "evidence" is verbal. Often decades later, there is no forensic evidence, witnesses have died, and records which could have exonerated them have been lost or destroyed. Faced with simply deciding who is lying, juries can only make an emotional decision. They commonly choose to believe the accuser, in fear of potentially releasing a paedophile.

The devastating result is that people who have dedicated their working lives to helping others are rewarded with a prison sentence, accused of the most heinous of crimes, while their families are left to face the pointing fingers and to cope alone.