



12th May 2015

Dear Jonathan,

Following our meeting, I'd be very grateful if you could forward this letter to the clients you represent who have felt able to speak out about their own experience of abuse as a result of the Operation Yewtree investigation and consequent prosecutions. As we continue this project, it feels important that these survivors can be informed of what we are doing.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Minnow Films, an independent production company, has been commissioned by BBC ONE to make a feature length 90 minute documentary to serve as a detailed account of the survivors' experiences of the crimes being investigated by Operation Yewtree and to hear from those who have felt able to come forward in light of the revelations or prosecutions that followed.

Its goal is to give a voice to those who have been affected over the last 50 years, and to give an insight into the long-term impact of abuse, using the words of those who were abused by Savile and others. It will also seek to reflect the profound impact that speaking out has had, both on the individuals involved and for society as a whole. It's expected to be broadcast in 2016, and will be led by the testimonies of the survivors themselves.

It is our ambition that this film will not just inform its viewers of the long lasting impact of these experiences, but will also help de-stigmatise the conversation around abuse, and give further confidence to those who may be considering speaking out about their own experiences.

Minnow Films is a leading independent production company that specialises in the non-sensationalist and sensitive handling of complex subjects, and whose films frequently give voice to survivors of traumatic events. Minnow's credits include *7/7: One Day in London*, a feature length film about the survivors of the London terror attacks; and *The Fallen*, a three hour film documenting every British death during the war in Afghanistan, described by the BBC as its most ambitious single documentary to date. Both these films individually won BAFTAs, as well as a string of other prestigious awards. For more information about Minnow Films please visit www.minnowfilms.co.uk. Online information about the documentary we are making, as well as a full version of *7/7: One Day in London* and *The Fallen*, can be viewed on www.minnowfilms.co.uk/Yewtree.

The film is being directed by Olly Lambert, a BAFTA and Emmy award-winning director who specialises in the delicate handling of complex and challenging subjects. More

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information about Olly can be found at www.ollylambert.com. It is being produced by Katherine Anstey, an award-winning producer with extensive experience making documentaries around sensitive subjects for both the BBC and Channel 4.

The main reason for writing to you now is to let you know about this documentary project, and to give you the opportunity to find out more if you would like.

But I am also writing to invite you contribute to this documentary should you wish to do so. You may wish to tell us anonymously about your experience, or to give us information that you feel is important, or even discuss the possibility of taking part more formally. Of course, you may have no wish to take part in any way, which I wholly respect, but I feel it's important to give you an opportunity to take part should you wish to.

The first stage of this process would be for us to have a confidential, off the record conversation about your experience, in as much or as little detail as you feel appropriate. Even if this does not result in anything being filmed or put on the record, such conversations would be invaluable in helping us understand the nature of events which have affected so many over the last fifty years.

Further to that, and if you would like, we can discuss whether recording or filming a contribution may feel appropriate, but that is by no means a requirement, nor will you be under any pressure to do so.

If you call, you will not be required to give your name, and calls will not be recorded. Anything you tell us is confidential; the only exceptions to this are if we learn that someone is currently in serious danger of harm.

You can get in touch with Olly or myself in a number of ways. You can call us directly during office hours on 020 7078 8155 (messages can be left out of hours), or you can email us at yewtree@minnowfilms.co.uk. If you feel unable to speak to us directly but would like to get more information or pass on a message, you may prefer someone to contact us on your behalf.

We recognise the difficulty involved and the courage it takes to talk about these experiences, and do hope to hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Anstey", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Katherine Anstey
Producer

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