

Child abuse inquiry is a 'cover up', says detective who exposed grooming scandal

Indomitable Manchester woman Maggie Oliver isn't impressed with the way the latest strand of The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse has concluded. From the [Mrs Oliver tweeted at the weekend](#) "I take great exception to IICSA's assertion that two thirds of my [which started on 21st September](#) is officially "An inquiry into institutional responses to the sexual exploitation of children by organised networks." the focus would have been on the actions of organisations like the police and local government not the damage suffered by the abused girls. EXCEPT, the IICSA has completed 7 investigations, and has another 8, including this one, on-going. See their [Survivors](#), the story of the Rochdale abuse trial. This is the relevant extract at page 340.

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that we have let down some innocent victims.' However, this 'review' didn't go nearly far enough in my opinion and I find it utterly incredible that the Independent Police Complaints Commission didn't bother to even consider Operation Span or look at its failures too, the failures I was talking about right through 2011 up to the point I resigned in October 2012, and beyond. A handful of ordinary bobbies were blamed, but at least all the evidence they gathered in 2008/09 was placed on the record so that it could be used at a later date. Senior officers escaped a single word of criticism once again. I believe the reason there have been no other Baroness Jay-type 'Rotherham-style reviews' is because the truth is too horrendous for the authorities to let out of the bag, hence why they tried to keep the lid firmly closed.

The predecessor to Operation Span in Manchester, which dealt (or failed to properly deal with) the death of 15 years old Victoria Agoglia, was Operation Augusta. That closed down while Mrs Oliver was away from her post from March 2005 dealing with her husband's final illness and death. She returned to work 7 months later and was shocked. She believes that one of the reasons this investigation was closed was the potential political fallout from the Muslim terrorist bombings of London on 7th July 2005. This is the relevant extract from Survivors, pages 117-119. I can well believe this to be correct.

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the job was closed.

In hindsight, perhaps I should have looked a little more closely at the timeline of Operation Augusta. I'd gone off

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the job in March 2005. Norman died on 5 July. Two days later, a team of four homegrown terrorists had exploded bombs on the London Underground and on a double-decker bus in the cause of jihad, killing fifty-two people and injuring almost 800. The 7/7 bombings happened the day after it had been announced London had won its bid to host the 2012 Olympic Games. The spotlight of the world was now upon us and the fallout had been wide and far-reaching.

I'd returned to work in September 2005, soon after the HOLMES database on Operation Augusta had been completely shut down. Some years later, however, I discovered that the last entry placed on it was the evening of 6 July – the night before the 7/7 attack. Up until that point, information had been routinely placed upon it, with the Augusta team seemingly working towards arrests and successful prosecutions. Then after 7/7, nothing.

Coincidence? I think not. In my mind, I'm certain that an order was given at the very highest level that to reveal the extent of child grooming of white girls by Muslim men at that point would be akin to adding petrol to an already inflammatory situation. I believe the decision came from the top and was made so the police could avoid accusations of Islamophobia – to avoid being labelled racist. Undoubtedly, it was a very fractious time for race relations in the UK. Equally, it was political correctness gone mad. In short, they didn't want riots on the streets of Britain. In the light of what has happened since 2005, and what we now recognise as a national scandal surrounding this type of sexual abuse, I see no reason to change that opinion as nothing else makes any sense to me. Call me a

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conspiracy theorist, but to my mind it was more convenient for the Government to ignore the plight of a few so-called 'underclass' girls than to tackle this issue, even if it reared its head at a most inconvenient moment.

Since "Survivors" was published there has been a damning report about this failed operation, followed by the