
DES Justice UK Meet Up

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many of you at our first meet up last Friday in Birmingham. It was a day full of positivity, solidarity and support. The energy in the room was so warm and people left feeling empowered, informed and listened to. We will hold another one shortly – the venue will be likely be London, with another scheduled for Manchester.

You can read the [online coverage of the day courtesy of ITV](#) and I have included some photos from the event below:





Suzanne Clip

There is also a video of Suzanne from the event which I think **perfectly** captures the mood on the day. [Watch the clip here.](#)

Press Coverage

This week we published another story about intergenerational harm. Maxwell, his mum Natalie, and his grandmother Maureen, have all been affected by DES.

We are so grateful for Maxwell for sharing his story as we hope it will encourage other sons and grandsons to come forward. [You can read Maxwell's story by clicking here.](#)

Roxie - Women's Voices

A week or so ago our campaign manager Roxie attended the Women's Voices Co-Op conference in Nottingham where she shared some of your stories and highlighted our campaign to a captive and supportive audience.



Letter from NHS

I was recently searching online for info that the government have released about DES. I was very sceptical that they had done much at all.

I did, however, **find this letter that has been sent to cancer alliances**. It isn't great – but it's a start – and it may be useful for you to show your healthcare practitioners.

[Read the NHS letter to Cancer Alliances](#)

Sharon Hodgson MP

We were delighted to see the news last week that Sharon Hodgson MP has been **appointed Minister for Health and Prevention within the Department of Health and Social Care**.

Sharon is a strong advocate for Women's Health and attended our campaign launch in Westminster. We hope this will strengthen our support at Government level.

The next step is a Working Group of MP's who support our campaign - chaired by Layla Moran and Jessica Toale - which will take place at the end of March.

Please do write to your MP and ask them to join the group on your behalf. Remember – **your MP WORKS FOR YOU!** Please don't feel that you can't write to them and ask for their support.



Crochet Pill Bottles

Our official crochet pattern for the pill bottles is now ready. **Please click the button below and get crocheting!** We hope to create a creative campaign with the bottles when we have enough.

[Crochet Pattern Download](#)



Sarah Corker

Des Justice UK was delighted to see that Sarah Corker, the ITV correspondent who has covered the campaign so diligently from the start, was **awarded the Specialist Journalist of the Year at the Royal Television Society Awards.**

We have been very grateful for the responsible and thoughtful journalism from Sarah and this award was very deserved!



DES Justice UK Website



We now have a website! It is still a work in progress and we have a huge volume of articles and links that we would like to get on there - so you can do your own research and reading and find support. Like everything – this takes time and commitment and **we are actively looking for someone who can help run and keep the website updated.** If this is you – get in touch!

[Visit DJUK Website](#)

Hillsborough Law Now

I am very pleased to announce that **Des Justice UK is now part of the Hillsborough Law Now (HLN) coalition.** HLN is a group of some of the most high profile and important campaigns in the UK, including Grenfell, Infected Blood, Post Office Horizon Scandal, Manchester Arena, and many others.



Being part of the coalition means that we can be a part of this supportive and informative community. The coalition is campaigning for Hillsborough Law

(Public Office Accountability Bill) which will seek to **introduce a legally enforceable Duty of Candour to all public authorities** and end the decades long cover ups and scandals that have blighted so many lives.

You can read more about HLN **by visiting the website** and you can sign up to their newsletter.

Australian and US Groups

Des Justice UK is in touch with our counterparts in Australia and the US.

One of the campaigners in the US has produced a list of DES exposed for an information project. If you wish to add your name to her list, you can do so by directly **contacting Karen via email**. The deadline is 5th April.

She has also produced two pamphlets: **caring for DES exposed and the voices of the DES exposed**. You can read both using the buttons below.

Caring for the DES Exposed

Voices of the DES Exposed



Staying Connected

The Facebook group DES Daughters and Sons Support Group UK is live and active. **You can join here** or via the button below.

The group has been created by the incredibly brave Suzanne, who talked about her lifetime of destructive health problems as a result of her mother being prescribed DES for the recent ITV News documentary.

You can also watch [this video message](#) from Suzanne, who shares her hopes for the Facebook group and why she encourages you to join. This is a safe, private space for those affected by DES to chat privately and share experiences. To be clear, the group is not run by Broudie Jackson Canter. This is a separate safe space ran by Suzanne to help connect DES Daughters and Sons.

[Join Group](#)

You can get in touch with us at DESJustice@broudiejacksoncanter.co.uk.

Do take care and, as always, drop me a line if you want to chat, I do this work alongside my regular case load, so it may not always be immediate – but I will get back to you.

I am helped on the DES inbox by Gabriel, Sorchia, and Laura. They all are passionate about this campaign and your information is dealt with in the strictest of confidence. Information can be overwhelming, so please take care of yourself and step away if you need to do so.

In solidarity,

[Clare](#) (Partner)

