

# Information for Authors

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If you are an alleged innocent victim of a false allegation of rape or child sexual abuse (CSA), a family member, friend or supporter of an alleged innocent victim of rape or child sexual abuse and want to write an article for False Allegations Watch (FAW), please structure your articles as outlined below and send the proposed article to:

[falseallegationswatch@gmail.com](mailto:falseallegationswatch@gmail.com)

If you would like some assistance with writing your article, just send an email to the same address and we can guide you through it.

Please be assured that False Allegations Watch (FAW) will also provide full editorial support to any article submitted and that we will not publish your article unless and until you are happy with it.

**Please note: the guidance below is on how to structure your articles and not a questionnaire.**

## **Personal information**

In your articles, please provide:

- The name of the alleged innocent victim of a false allegation of rape or CSA;
- Their age;
- The specific crime they were convicted of;
- Where was it, the location of the alleged crime?
- The date of the crime and the date that they were convicted;
- Which court?
- What was the sentence?
- If a prison sentence was given, how long was it, and state whether you are/the alleged victim is still in prison or if you/they have been released.

### **Trial details and evidence**

1. In this section, provide details of the prosecution argument at the trial and go through each piece of evidence that was presented by the prosecution to the jury and say why you believe that each piece of evidence is either wrong or unreliable.

### **Appeal**

1. Have you made an appeal?
2. If not, why not?
3. If you have made an appeal, what was the outcome?

### **CCRC**

1. Have you applied to the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC)?
2. If not, why not?

3. If you have applied to the CCRC, how many applications have been made to the CCRC?
4. Say what you asked the CCRC to do?
5. Who at the CCRC dealt with your case; i.e. the name of the caseworker?
6. What was the outcome of your application to the CCRC?
7. If your application to the CCRC was rejected, say why the CCRC said it was rejected.
8. What are your thoughts on the CCRC's rejection?
9. **In this section please quote directly from applications to the CCRC and from CCRC Statements of Reasons not to refer your conviction.**
10. **When you submit your article, please also provide all of the CCRC SoRs not to refer your case.**

### **Harmful consequences**

- What are the harmful consequences of the alleged wrongful conviction on the alleged victim and more widely to family and friends?

### **Looking ahead**

- What do you plan to do next to try to have your conviction overturned?
- What do you think needs to happen for your conviction to be overturned?