

Survey – Aimed at anyone working with people impacted by domestic abuse in Renfrewshire

'Whole Lives Scotland', is a National Lottery Community funded project that looks to reduce the barriers facing those accessing support for domestic abuse in Scotland and is based on our findings from our 2017 data set (which is linked on my signature below). The data indicated that many potential survivors are hidden from specialist services and with this in mind we will be working in 4 local authorities across Scotland to map out provision, maximise accessibility, promote good practice and multi-agency working, as well as creating evidence based survivor led tools and guidance.

I am delighted that Renfrewshire has been chosen to partner with SafeLives with the support of the Gender Based Violence Strategy Group, looking specifically at the experiences of those with mental ill health and domestic abuse (as well as thinking about additional barriers such as substance misuse). One of the first activities we will be carrying out is to listen to the views of those who currently engage with survivors of domestic abuse and we've created an online survey to gather this information. **It is completely confidential and should take no more than 10 mins.** Here is the link:

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=155793531864>

Who should complete it?

Anyone who works with those impacted by domestic abuse; this could be support workers, DA specialists, social work staff, teachers, housing practitioners etc. You do not have to be a domestic abuse specialist; we are keen to hear from as wide a range of practitioners as possible and it doesn't matter if you are part of a statutory agency or third sector. You **must** be working within the Renfrewshire area.

Why?

We definitely don't have all the answers, and there is much to do to gather the required evidence to give us the full picture. Whole Lives Renfrewshire provides us with the opportunity to understand what we know, what we don't, and what might need to happen next. The project looks to build on the knowledge and expertise of those who have worked or do work in frontline support roles, to get their practical perspective on service delivery. Finally, and vitally, we want to amplify the voices of those who know best – victims and survivors with lived experience of domestic abuse.

To follow up we will be carrying out focus groups for practitioners in July. If you would like to get involved or would like to hear more about the project please get in touch; I'm always happy to chat. In the next few weeks we will be distributing a Survivors survey so please look out for that too.

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