



# Opportunities to share your voice: March 2024

## National opportunities

### Whole Health Project: [Standing Together](#)

- Standing Together is setting up regional focus groups and one to one conversations across England from February to June 2024, to hear from survivors about your experiences of healthcare settings, any barriers you faced, and gaps in provision.
- This consultation will support their Whole Health Project Team to amplify the voices of all survivors accessing health care services, and advocate for the best practice approach.
- Payment for your time and expenses are offered and engagement can take the form of 121 conversations or focus groups.
- The organisation will refer to external support if needed.
- If you would like to take part please contact Arlene Mensah at [survivorvoice@standingtogether.org.uk](mailto:survivorvoice@standingtogether.org.uk)



Focus group and/or 121 conversations (flexible)



Payment and expenses offered

### Survivors and Justice Survey: [NAPAC – Supporting Recovery From Childhood Abuse](#)

- National Association of People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC) has a survey open for adults who have experienced any form of abuse in childhood.
- The survey asks questions about what justice means to you. There are no questions about abuse and none are mandatory, so you can complete as much or as little as you choose.
- The survey is open until **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** and consists of ten questions. The survey should take less than 10 minutes. Complete the survey [here](#).



Online Survey

### Online Survey: [Reducing the Risk](#)

- This online survey from Reducing the Risk of domestic abuse aims to measure three key issues: awareness of domestic



Online Survey

abuse within/around the LGBTQIA+ community, prevalence of abuse within the community, and key barriers to accessing domestic abuse service support.

- The findings from this survey will be used to improve multi-agency service accessibility around the experience of domestic abuse within the LGBTQIA+ community.
- While the survey will inform services in Oxford around support for LGBTQIA+ victims and survivors, they welcome responses from those who do not identify as LGBTQIA+ and people living across the UK.
- The survey should take less than 10 minutes.
- Complete the survey here: <http://tinyurl.com/3n2kmauw>

### Private rented sector: **Standing Together**

- Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse are looking to hear the voice and experience of survivors who have, or are still experiencing any form of Domestic Abuse as a tenant in private rented accommodation within the last 24 months.
- Your contribution will help inform a survivor led accreditation initiative for Private Sector Landlords/Letting Agents to correctly & appropriately respond to potential incidents of domestic abuse.
- Engagement is in the form of an online survey, which can be accessed here, and should take no more than 10 minutes: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KCNYRT7>



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## Local opportunities

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### London Local Authority Housing Support survey: **Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance**

- The Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) is looking to speak to those with lived experience of accessing local authority housing support in London due to domestic abuse.
- This will help support the development of a new accreditation framework designed to meet the unique needs of housing services in London and the communities they serve.
- They are looking to hear from survivor voice throughout the project as it develops and as a key part of the revised framework as it evolves.
- Payment for your time is offered.
- The organisation will refer to external support if needed.
- Contact Jessica Tier [j.tier@standingtogether.org.uk](mailto:j.tier@standingtogether.org.uk) for more information.



Online and in-person Survey



Option to be part of a group



Payment offered

### Wokingham Local Authority

- The Wokingham Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment and Strategy are due for a refresh and they would like to reach as many people affected by domestic abuse in their area as possible to hear about their experiences of support and help seeking.
- They would like to hear from people who live or work in Wokingham borough, or who may have sought to flee to Wokingham to inform their focus for the next 3 year period.
- Engagement can be 121, through focus groups, and online consultation. Payment for your time and expenses are offered.
- The organisation signposts to external support if needed.
- Contact Karen to find out more:  
[Karen.evans@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.evans@wokingham.gov.uk)



Focus group and/or  
121 conversations (flexible)



Payment and  
expenses offered

### Swindon Borough Council

- Swindon Borough Council is looking for people with lived experience of domestic abuse who want to join a group to discuss their expertise around accessing services in Swindon.
- Participants will become domestic abuse and VAWG board members and help shape services to fit the needs of service users.
- The organisation has internal support available and will also signpost to external organisations when needed.
- Email Jo-Ann Smith to find out more:  
[JSmith4@Swindon.gov.uk](mailto:JSmith4@Swindon.gov.uk)



Survivor group



121 conversations



Internal support offered

### GROW Survivor Voice: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

- GROW's Survivor Voice Service will be a peer led post-crisis support service for women and their children who have previously been subjected to domestic abuse.
- The service will support and empower survivors and their families to live safely and take back control of their lives.
- The service will be represented at strategic meetings and incorporated within key discussions to shape service design and provision for survivors of domestic abuse, providing a platform for the voice of survivors to be heard.
- The organisation offers internal support as part of the group.
- Contact Alice Milner to find out more: [Alicebarker-milner2@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:Alicebarker-milner2@barnsley.gov.uk)



Survivor group



Internal support offered



Expenses offered

### Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council

- Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council would like to speak with people with lived experience of domestic abuse to be involved in playing a key part in the planning,



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development and review of domestic abuse services across Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole.



Expenses offered

- Expenses will be paid.
- The organisation will refer to external support where needed.
- If you are interested in being involved, please contact the project lead Lisa Dowry to find out more:  
[Lisa.dowry2@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.dowry2@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

### City of Doncaster Council

- Doncaster Council is looking for survivors who live in Doncaster or have accessed services in Doncaster to share their voices to include their policies and processes.
- This can be done via 121s, virtual conversations, group engagement, phone calls and emails.
- Reimbursement for your time is offered.
- The organisation has internal support available and will also signpost to external organisations when needed.
- Email [survivors@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:survivors@doncaster.gov.uk) or call or text 07980 060504. Interpreters can be arranged, including BSL.



Focus group and/or 121 conversations (flexible)



Payment offered



Internal support offered

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**Please note:** Please note all survivor engagement opportunities which are promoted through the VOICES at the DAC newsletter have been reviewed by the Domestic Abuse Commissioner's team. We expect any organisation that promotes with our newsletter to deliver engagement in a safe and meaningful way. In order to feature on this newsletter, we asked organisations to tell us their safeguarding policies, what support would be available, and whether they offer remuneration or expenses, as well as ethical approval if they're a research institution. We have used this information to share opportunities that have the right structures in place. However, we are not responsible for the opportunities or the organisations themselves, and individuals should consider carefully whether these opportunities are right for them.

**If you are not sure if something is right for you,** please look at our webpage [Lived Experience Matters](#), where there is a section called "I am thinking of taking part in survivor engagement", which may answer some of your questions. Remember that you can change your mind at any time if the opportunity doesn't feel right for you or you are not ready to share your voice.

It is important to the Domestic Abuse Commissioner and her office that we are informed of any concerns victims and survivors have about engagement activities you have participated in. This helps us ensure we are only promoting safe and positive opportunities for engagement. Please share your feedback about any engagement activity you have participated in by [emailing us](#).

If you would like us to include an opportunity with your organisation in our next newsletter, please complete [this form](#) and send to [Voices@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk](mailto:Voices@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk)