

Survivors' Network

**IMPLEMENTING TRAUMA-INFORMED
APPROACHES TO IMPROVE
SURVIVORS' EXPERIENCES OF THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

**VICTIM'S SERVICES
CONFERENCE 2022**






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- Passionate about improving communication in CJS
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SURVIVORS' NETWORK

- Set up in 1990 as a peer support group for adult female survivors of childhood sexual abuse
- Supports over 1000 survivors of all ages and genders in Sussex each year
- Therapeutic Service
- ISVA Service
- CYP Service
- Volunteer –Led Services
- Welcome Team
- Training Team
- Consultancy Work



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WHAT WE

WILL COVER

- 1) The role of Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA's) in supporting survivors
- 2) Best practice for embedding trauma-informed approaches into survivor support services
- 3) Holding survivor voice at the heart of service delivery
- 4) The role of institutional advocacy in improving survivors' experiences of the Criminal Justice System

WHAT ARE

ISVA'S

- Originally conceived in 2005 by Home Office
- Often funded by Ministry of Justice and local PCC's
- Can be linked to Sexual Assault Referral Centres
- Provide independent support to survivors who have experienced sexual violence/abuse

**"HAVE YOU REPORTED
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YET?"**



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ISVA'S

- ISVA Manager and two Senior ISVA's
- 4 CYP ISVA's
- 6 Criminal Justice adult ISVA's
- 2 Multiple and Complex Needs ISVA's
- 1 ISVA for People Who Experience Racism (PWER)
- 1 ISVA supporting church-based abuse (working within the Diocese of Chichester)

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TRAUMA INFORMED?

- How long will the process take?
- Is the process triggering?
- Do survivors feel in control of the process?
- Will survivors get justice?
- Will the process support survivors healing?

TRAUMA AND THE

SURVIVOR VOICE

Trauma informed principles

- Safety
- Trustworthiness
- Collaboration
- Empowerment
- Choice

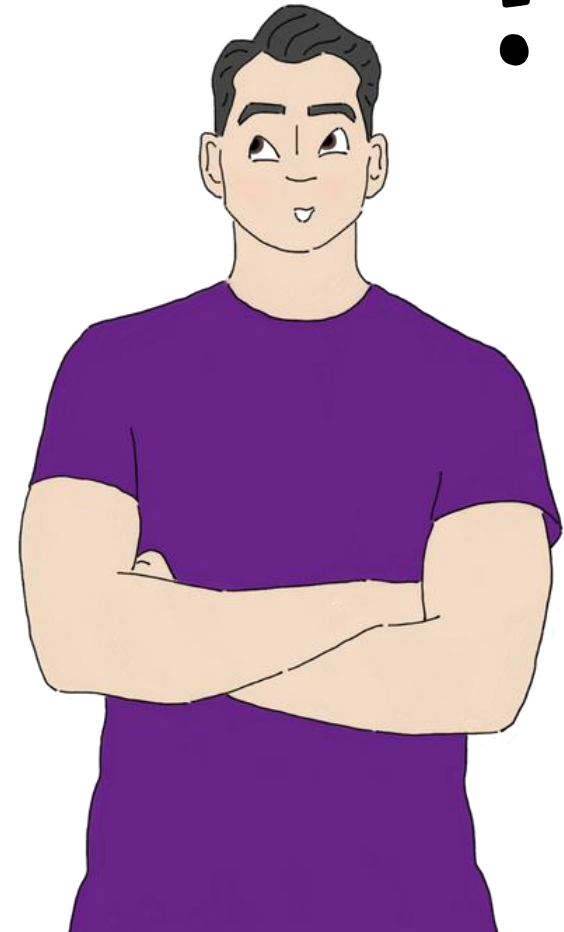
LET'S TALK ABOUT

INSTITUTIONAL ADVOCACY

Advocacy is an activity by an individual or group that aims to influence decisions within political, economic, and social institutions.

FEEL FREE TO ASK ANY

QUESTIONS



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

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