



SCIE survivors survey – update

July 19th 2018

The survey is still open.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their surveys in time for preliminary themes to be shared at General Synod in York, 5-6 July. We are aware that this deadline created additional stress for some people, and may have prevented some people from getting the level of support they would otherwise have taken the time to arrange. We recognise therefore that meeting this timescale may have come at some cost. We are sincerely grateful. You can see the presentation of key themes at General Synod here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGBq7wxbCAo> (at 51.25)

The survey continues and all responses that we receive **before 8th August 2018** will be analysed to form a report to be published in October 2018.

That report will draw together learning from a) the programme of independent audits of diocesan safeguarding arrangements, and b) the survivors' survey and a review of literature of C of E abuse survivors' views. Importantly, it will also present learning gained from bringing together these two sources of evidence. It is therefore an important opportunity to maximise the impact of people's contributions, and inform improvement work the Church takes forward.

The survey will also remain open after August 2018. We are aware that some people may need help, support and time to respond. All contributions submitted will be read and will help us understand what Church responses should look like across different stages of engagement with victims and survivors, and others who alert the Church to risks, from the perspective of people with first-hand experience, their families and friends.

SCIE will incorporate all new material into the eventual summary. We intend to continue with the survey for the rest of this year and anticipate the overall assessment of responses received by that date will be made in January 2019.

Any questions, queries or concerns please contact Sheila Fish on
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You can access the survey here:

<https://www.scie.org.uk/opportunities/callsforevidence/cofe-survivors.asp>

A reminder of the range of people we want to hear from is overleaf.

Who we want to hear from

SCIE is seeking to hear from a wide variety of people. Detail is provided below. Most people who have contributed to-date are survivors of clergy or Church related abuse.

We want to hear from people with good and bad experiences of Church responses.

We want to hear from a wide range of people.

You, or your family member or friend, might have:

- a) Been abused, mistreated or bullied by any member of the clergy, including bishops, or other persons related to the Church such as a music director, someone working in church administration or a volunteer such as a PCC member or youth worker. We refer to this as 'ecclesiastical abuse'.
- b) Been abused, mistreated or neglected by someone not related to the Church such as a relative, work colleague, carer or friend, in other settings such as at home, at school or in hospital.
- c) Needed help to keep safe because of difficulties in life circumstances that led you to seek or need pastoral support from the Church, such as bereavement, crime, relationship breakdown, redundancy, occupational stress, physical or mental ill health, drug or alcohol dependencies, physical disabilities, learning disabilities, old age, emotional fragility or distress
- d) Had safeguarding concerns over potentially hazardous church activities or the presence of known perpetrators of abuse taking part in church services or activities.

If you have had, or feel you should have had a response from the Church of England, please take part in this survey.

You can be a lay person, clergy or lay Church officer. You can be a friend or family member, as well as people with first-hand experience.