

Hurt By Abuse

Questionnaire



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We are now in the process of evaluating the Hurt By Abuse project and would be grateful for your support in completing this questionnaire.

Hallam Catholic Safeguarding Commission

Thank you for taking time to fill out this questionnaire. The information you provide will be useful in giving us a picture across the diocese of attitudes towards and awareness of the 'Hurt By Abuse' project and its work. **Even if you know little about the project, your answers will help build this picture.**

Your responses will be anonymous but your information will be used in the project's final evaluation report, either as statistical data or descriptive analysis. **Please be careful not to give names, places or other identifying details.**

The questionnaire is divided into sections – please skip any that do not apply to you.

If completing the questionnaire causes you any distress, please contact the Safeguarding team to talk to someone in confidence, or see the back page for details of local support agencies.

There is a blank page at the end for you to add any further comments, suggestions or feedback.

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Safeguarding Coordinator, Hallam Diocese

Please specify:

Male:

Female:

Age: 18-25

Clergy:

Age: 24-45

Religious:

Age: 45-65

Lay leader:

Age: 65+

Parishioner:

Awareness of the Project

Question 1. A "*Hurt By Abuse*" (HBA) leaflet was provided by the National Safeguarding Office between March and May 2013. Do you think it has been taken up by parishioners?

Yes:

No:

Don't know:

Any comment about the leaflet:

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Question 2. Did you read the article in Hallam News (December 2013) about the '*Hurt By Abuse*' project? (please tick)

Any comment about the article:

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Question 3. Have you seen the diocesan specific *Hurt By Abuse* leaflet, in circulation from February 2014?

Yes:

No:

Any comment about the leaflet:

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Question 4. Did you attend any of the evening seminars put on by HBA in Sheffield (September 2013) and Barnsley (June 2014)?

Yes:

No:

I was not aware of the seminars

Question 5. Are you aware of how to make a referral to the HBA project? Yes: No:

Question 6. Have you seen the Information Sheets on childhood sexual abuse that have been uploaded to the diocesan website?

Yes:

No:

Any comment about the information sheets:

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Question 7. Have you received any disclosures of sexual abuse since October 2013?

Yes: No:

If yes, did you consider referring to the HBA project? Yes: No:

If not, can you say why? (please comment):

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Past experiences

Question 8. Have you ever had experience of listening to someone disclose their experience of being sexually abused as a child/vulnerable adult?

No: Yes (once): Yes (more than once): Yes (several times):

IF YES:

Without going into detail, could you comment on the circumstances in which the disclosure took place e.g. in confession, at a service or home visit, email/social media/as a friend or professional/other.

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Question 9. What support were you able to offer?

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Question 10. Did you feel able to cope, and if not, what would have helped?

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Question 11. We are aware that many people within our communities are affected by the aftermath of abuse. If you are one of those people what might help you?

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Support for the project

Question 12. If the project continues, would you be interested in offering practical support?

Yes: No:

Comment: (e.g. What would make this difficult or easier?):

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Question 13. Where do you think the project should focus its work? (Please tick all that apply and if you feel strongly, put a ring around the group that you think should be prioritised.)

People within the Catholic community who have been sexually abused

People who have been sexually abused by clergy, religious or responsible adults within the church

Any person who has been sexually abused and needs support

Please comment:
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Question 14. The project currently offers support to individuals, by offering a listening ear (not counselling), assessing need, offering practical support and pathways to local services, providing talks to the community or specific groups. What thoughts do you have on other ways that the project could support individuals? (please comment)

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Question 15. What ideas do you have/do you use for spiritual support and resources for people hurt by abuse?

Please comment:
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Personal Needs

Question 16. Do you feel that you have adequate knowledge and understanding of sexual abuse, its impact and how it is perpetrated?

Yes: No:

If you answered NO, what would help you? (please comment)

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Question 17. What has been the impact on you (physical, emotional, spiritual) if any, of the recent disclosures of sexual abuse by members of clergy and religious within the Catholic Church, and of how these past allegations have been responded to? (please comment)

Please comment:
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Question 18. Have you ever received any support regarding the impact of these disclosures?

Yes:

No:

If yes, what has been most helpful or unhelpful? (please comment)

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Question 19. How well do you feel the Catholic community supports Catholic families where someone (child or adult) has been sexually abused (either by someone in authority within the church, or by a family member or trusted adult)? Please comment:

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Feedback/Suggestions

Question 20. What do you think are the most effective ways of reaching out to those who have been sexually abused as children/vulnerable adults? (please comment)

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Question 21. What do you think are the barriers to people asking for, or accessing support? (please comment)

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Question 22. Is there anything else that you think it would be helpful for us to know? (Your responses to this questionnaire are anonymous)

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Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.

National Sources of Help

For information and to find local support services:

The Survivors Trust 01788 550554 www.thesurvivorstrust.org

Rape Crisis England and Wales 0808 802 9999 www.rapecrisis.org.uk
(Information and support for survivors of rape, sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse)

NAPAC (National Association for People Abused in Childhood) 08000853330
www.napac.org.uk

ICAP (Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy) 0207 2727906 www.icap.org.uk

Local Sources of Help:

Sheffield Women's Counselling and Therapy Service 0114 2752157
www.swcts.org.uk

SRASAC 0114 2447936 www.sheffieldrapecrisis.org.uk

Chesterfield Sexual Abuse and Incest Line (SAIL) 01246 556114

Derbyshire Rape Crisis 01332 372545 www.drconline.org.uk/

Barnsley Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Services 01226 298560 www.bsarch.org

Rotherham Women's Counselling Service (also offers a service for men) 01709 835482
www.rotherhamwomenscounsellingservice.webs.com

The ISIS Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)
01709 427327
www.theisissouthyorkshire.co.uk

Doncaster Rape & Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre 01302 360421
www.drasacs.org.uk

SARSVL (Support After Rape and Sexual Violence Leeds) 08088023344
www.supportafterrapeleeds.org.uk

Return of the Questionnaire

*Please deposit the questionnaire in the designated collection box in the church vestibule
Or return by post to: Julie Howarth, Hallam Catholic Safeguarding Commission,
Diocese of Hallam Pastoral Centre, St. Charles' Street, Sheffield S9 3WU*