

Statement on working with perpetrators of sexual violence

SurvivorsUK exists to support those who identify as male* and who have been victims of sexual violence. While the majority of male survivors do not go on to perpetrate violent crimes, sadly a small number do.

As a support organisation our place is not to judge, but to treat everyone we encounter with respect and compassion. As such, we do offer services to male survivors who have perpetrated crimes, so long as the focus of the work is around their experiences as a victim/survivor. If they require help around their perpetration of crimes then our service is not the best placed to help them. In those cases we will signpost and refer to more appropriate sources of support.

We recognise that by not offering support to perpetrators of crimes, we run the risk of encouraging people not to tell us about thoughts or behaviours, past or present, that worry them. This could prevent them from getting the help that they need and miss an opportunity to prevent future crimes. We understand that by telling us about such thoughts and behaviours these victims and survivors are being open and asking for help, and as an organisation we want to honour and respect that.

We take the safety and wellbeing of all our service users very seriously. In assessing all service users we consider any possible risks they may pose to their own safety, and to others, and make special arrangements whenever it is required.

If you have any concerns at all about this statement, please do get in touch in the following ways:

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Thank you for taking the time to read this message.

With best wishes

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