

What is the Making Noise survey about?

We know some young people experience harm from people in and around their families. We want to hear from a range of children and young people what they think of the services and support that are available to help their friends, peers or themselves, if these situations happen.

The survey is one part of a research project about children and young people's experiences of asking for help and using services when they have experienced sexual abuse in or around their families. **You don't need to have experienced these issues personally to take part in the survey.**

The project is a chance to listen to lots of children and young people across England and share their ideas about how we can improve support.

Who is working on the Making Noise project?

The project is run by staff at the University of Bedfordshire and NSPCC.



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The Making Noise research project is funded by the Office of the Children's Commissioner for England. The Children's Commissioner has a duty to protect the rights of children across England. One of the ways she does this is by finding out what children and young people think and what support they need.

What sort of questions will the survey be asking?

The survey won't ask you any questions about your personal experiences. Instead it will ask your views on how easy you think it is for children and young people to ask for help; and the types of support available for them.

Who can take part in the survey?

The project is for children and young people aged 11-18 who currently visit a project like yours.

If I decide to take part what will it involve?

If you decide to take part in the Making Noise survey you will be invited to complete a survey at your project. Your project worker will talk you through it and can be there with you if you don't want to fill it in alone.

You can fill in a paper copy, or do it online.

You can stop the survey at any point. You can also skip any questions that you don't want to answer, and go back and change your answers if you want to.

Depending on how many sections you want to complete, the survey will take between 10-20 minutes.

Do I have to take part?

No. It is totally up to you whether you want to take part and you can change your mind at any time. If you do take part it is also up to you what questions you answer.

What will you do with the information that I tell you?

We will use what you and other young people tell us to write a report for the Office of the Children's Commissioner to let them know what services and professionals need to do better to support children and young people.

All the answers you give to the survey questions are completely anonymous. That means that we don't ask for your name and we can't identify what any individual young person said in their survey responses.

What might be good or bad things about taking part?

- We can't promise that the research will change services for young people straight away BUT
- Taking part will help children and young people's views be heard by professionals who make decisions about services.
- Listening to children's views will help professionals support children affected by sexual abuse better in the future.
- It is a sensitive topic and so may make you upset or may bring up things you hadn't thought about before but your project worker will be there afterwards if you want to talk about anything. We will also give you details of other sources of help if you choose to complete the survey.

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