

# Staffordshire **Survive**

## Sexual Assault & Abuse Service

Survive is a new sexual assault and abuse service for Staffordshire (not including Stoke-on-Trent), providing a free, non-judgmental and confidential service for adults, children over the age of 4, and close family members/significant others who have been affected by sexual assault or abuse at any point during their lives.

Survive is commissioned by the Staffordshire Commissioner's Office, with a financial contribution from Staffordshire County Council, and is delivered by Staffordshire Women's Aid.

### **What support is on offer?**

Survive supports victims, both male and female, at every stage, from reporting the crime or recognising they need support, to exiting the service. Victims can seek support whether they report the crime to the police or not.

Survive is accessible, simple to navigate and prevents victims having to repeat their story on multiple occasions. The service offers:

- **Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA) and Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (CHISVA)** providing practical help, advice and emotional support. This also includes support to navigate the criminal justice system for victims who have reported to the police.
- **Practical and emotional support for victims' family members and those close to them**, who have been impacted by the crime. It helps to meet the needs of victims and their families, providing accurate information on criminal justice processes, victims' rights and referring to other agencies as appropriate.
- **Therapeutic counselling** in a safe and supported environment, for both adults and children over the age of four, who have experienced sexual assault and abuse at any point during their lives.
- Geographically based staff to ensure coverage across the county.
- Onward referrals to other specialist support agencies.

### **How to refer victims to Survive**

If you are aware of someone who might benefit from accessing the Survive service, please ask them to call the 24-hour helpline on **0300 330 5959** or email [survive@staffordshirewomensaid.org](mailto:survive@staffordshirewomensaid.org).

### **Raising Awareness**

To launch Survive we are running a campaign raising awareness of the impact of sexual assault and abuse, and the support available to victims, between 7th December and 4th January.

We would really like your help to raise awareness of this new service throughout Staffordshire. As such please find below a link to some campaign resources for you to use – social media toolkit, video, graphics and logos, all resized for Facebook and Twitter.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WXk9ibb3d5\\_JSpXbZ1HDVaaZf\\_hkbRQM?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WXk9ibb3d5_JSpXbZ1HDVaaZf_hkbRQM?usp=sharing)