

# Connect

## ...at 2 years of service delivery

### Support for adult victims who are still in a relationship with the perpetrator

The 'Engage' Idva, children's caseworker and Engage Case Manager provide support centred in safeguarding and risk management, that engages with the family experiencing domestic abuse who wish to remain in their relationship; increasing awareness and safety of victims, accountability and responsibility of perpetrators, and ensures children are appropriately supported. People may have separated previously, or may separate in the future.

#### How many individuals have been supported?

From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020



58

Adult victim/survivors on the Engage programme have been supported



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Perpetrators on the Engage programme have been supported

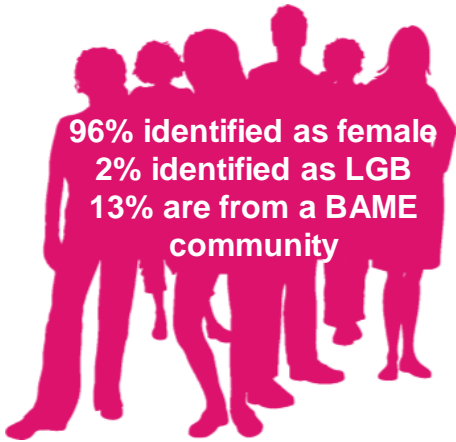


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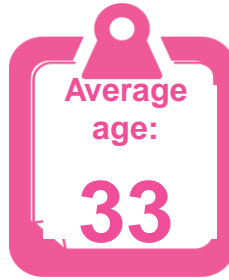
Children and young people on the Engage programme have been supported

The following **SafeLives Insights data** is based on these individuals.

## Who are the 'Engage' adult victim-survivors?



96% identified as female  
2% identified as LGB  
13% are from a BAME community



59% referred by Children's social services

79% are new to the services

34% are unemployed

28% have financial issues

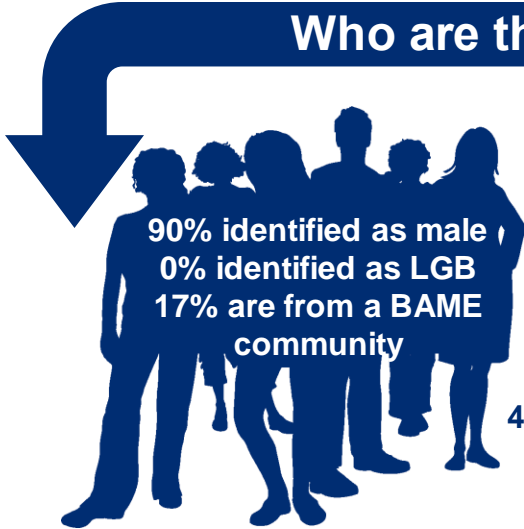
\*significant financial problems/reliant on others/ unable to pay for essentials



20% have a disability

Of these, 64% have mental health issues

## Who are the 'Engage' perpetrators?



90% identified as male  
0% identified as LGB  
17% are from a BAME community



96% are new to the services

95% voluntarily accessed the service

Of these, 60% did so for an improved relationship with partner/ex

49% are in FT employment  
36% are unemployed

Service user needs at intake:

51% Children & parenting

39% Mental health

27% Alcohol misuse

26% Drug misuse

23% Housing



14% have a disability

33% have mental health issues, 33% a physical disability

## Who are the 'Engage' children and young people?



63% identified as female

25% are from a BAME community

16% have a disability

Of these, 3 have ASD, 2 a learning difficulty, 1 a learning disability, 1 ADHD



28% are 8 years or under

59% are between 9 and 15

13% are between 16 and 18



69% referred by Children's social services

100% are new to the services  
62% are primarily being supported for current abuse

## Who else is involved with the Engage clients?



62% of adult victim-survivors have been exposed to domestic abuse in the past  
For, 71% the perpetrator is a current intimate partner



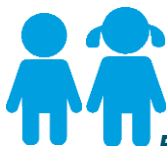
11% of adult victim-survivors were pregnant  
90% have children  
138 children were involved  
34% of children are aged 3 or under



9% of adult victim-survivors have multiple perpetrators



12% of perpetrators had a criminal order in place



78% of CYP were known to Children's social care  
Of these, 52% involved an S47 (Child Protection)

63% of CYP had Education Welfare involved at intake

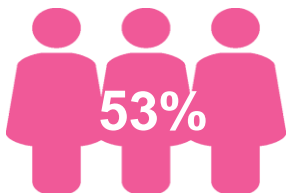
## What have the Engage victim-survivors experienced?



Average number of ticks on the DASH  
7% of adults were at serious risk of harm



3% experienced so called 'Honour'-based violence



53% experienced multiple types of abuse

64% have experienced physical abuse  
19% have experienced sexual abuse

38% have experienced harassment and / or stalking  
57% have experienced jealous and controlling behaviours

Average length of abuse:



## What have the Engage children experienced?



100% CYP  
Have experienced domestic abuse in the home  
75% Physical  
16% Sexual  
41% Harassment & Stalking  
94% Jealous & Controlling behaviours



Avg. 10 years



25% CYP  
Are a victim of direct abuse  
88% Emotional  
38% Physical  
25% Neglect



Avg. 8 years



19% CYP  
Are harming others  
83% Physical  
50% J&C  
17% Persistent/unwanted contact



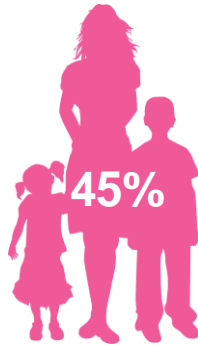
Avg. 2 years

## What support did victim-survivors receive?

% are of those identified with needs



Were supported with safety



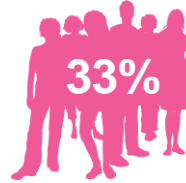
Were supported with children and parenting



Were supported with housing



Were supported with their mental health



Were given social & community support

## What support did perpetrators receive?

% are of those identified with needs



Were supported with their mental health



Were supported with alcohol misuse



Were supported with children and parenting



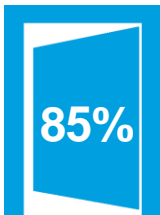
Were supported with housing



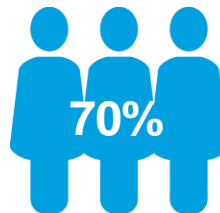
Were given social & community support

## What support did children & young people receive?

% are of those identified with needs



Were supported with Safety/understanding of safety



Were supported in relationships with family members



Were supported with their mental health



Were supported in relationships with others

## What were survivors' experiences on leaving the service?

34 Adult Exit forms have been submitted



63% cessation of physical abuse  
83% cessation of sexual abuse  
73% cessation of harassment & stalking  
57% cessation of jealous and controlling behaviour

61% reduction in survivors experiencing multiple types of abuse  
35% of survivors had experienced no abuse since intake



82% said they felt safer  
75% said their wellbeing had improved  
56% said they felt more confident  
56% said their quality of life had improved  
44% said they were optimistic about the future  
(n= 17)

“Having support for me and the children [has made biggest difference to safety and wellbeing]. My children have lots of issues because of what their dad has done and it can be really difficult for me”

*Survivor, Engage, Connect*

## What were children's experiences on leaving the service?

20 Children's Exit forms have been submitted

65% reduction in CYP witnessing domestic abuse  
44% reduction in Children's services involvement at Exit



100% improved safety following support with safety  
100% improved safety following mental health support  
100% improved safety following support with family relationships  
100% improved safety following support with other relationships



91% improved wellbeing following support with safety  
100% improved wellbeing following support with mental health  
71% improved wellbeing following support with family relationships  
100% improved wellbeing following support with other relationships

## What were perpetrators experiences on leaving the service?

40 Perpetrator Exit forms have been submitted

83% reduction in service users assessed as medium risk  
79% increase in service users using *no* physical abuse at exit



Of cases where safety measures were put in place reduced the service users potential to continue perpetrating abuse



Caseworkers agreed:

62% of service users were aware of the impact of their actions  
53% of service users understand their behaviour is unacceptable  
53% of service users are able to control their behaviour  
48% of service users take responsibility for their actions



69% of service users agreed their relationship with the victim had improved



63% of service users agreed their relationship with their children had improved



94% of service users agreed they understood the impact of their behaviour



100% of service users agreed they felt their negative behaviour had reduced

“The biggest difference has been the recognition that there are times where I do get angry and the ability to step outside and recognise that I'm in that angry shark music mode and [...] further anger in this mode of thinking will only exacerbate and inflame an already difficult situation. I'm still not perfect but it's something [I'm] a lot more conscious of and working on now. So in the past whereas I might have told the kids to stop crying like little girls now over the last couple of months I felt myself hugging them in that moment which is something I would never have done in the past. So being able to emotionally engage with the individuals slightly better than I would have done in the past for me is a massive step in the right direction”

*Service user, Engage, Connect*