



My Story Matters Discovery report launch event: Q&A

Did you collect any statistics from young Deaf people?

SafeLives: We did not ask specifically if any young people completing the survey were deaf, we only asked if they live with a disability and 8% of respondents told us that they did. We would hope to increase the depth of our reach and hear more from communities such as this in any future work.

Were / are neurodivergent young people involved and represented?

SafeLives: We did not ask in the survey, so do not know if any respondents were neurodivergent. We would hope to increase the depth of our reach and hear more from communities such as this in any future work.

What measures are taken to safeguard the children and young people telling their stories who may still be in those 'toxic' relationships?

SafeLives: The safeguarding and welfare of young people is paramount. There is clear information on the platform about support available to young people should they need it. Before sharing a story, young people are asked to accept an agreement. In this agreement it is also made clear that no one from the Draw the Line team can contact them directly. Consequently, they are encouraged to reach out to one of the trusted providers listed on the platform or speak to a trusted adult. Stories submitted are reviewed before being visible on the platform. They are checked, among other things, for any identifying information, which if found is removed.

Are there opportunities to work closely with primary care to strengthen what support is available there?

SafeLives: We encourage areas to work with IRISi to understand how to ensure primary care is able to respond to the needs of children and young people. Find out more here: <https://irisi.org/>

AVA are also another good organisation to contact regarding this: <https://avaproject.org.uk/ava-services-2/children-young-people/>

Do you deliver training for professionals? I work on domestic abuse within children's services and we are currently looking into delivering services within schools.

SafeLives: We can deliver workshops and training around using Draw the Line as a resource as required. In relation to a broader range of training for professionals working and/or supporting children and young people we deliver a range of training programmes for professionals including our OCN accredited courses for Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (Idvas), Outreach Workers and Young People's Violence Advisors (Ypvas). We also provide individually tailored bespoke options for teams which can be delivered in person or online. In addition, we have developed and delivered culture change programmes for statutory agencies including the police and Children's Social Care.

Check out the training pages of our website [Training | SafeLives](#) or contact us for more details 0117 4033224 or training@safelives.org.uk

Do you think that Draw the Line translates for young people who have friendships, not just relationships, which they identify as toxic or unhealthy?

SafeLives: There is a definite cross over in relation to how people treat each other and what is and is not OK in relationships of all kinds. The same principles apply.

Do you know of any activities/resources that are effective in teaching CYP about social media and relationships, such as 'lovebombing', demanding access to passwords, applying pressure to send naked pictures?

SafeLives: We would recommend that you look into and get in touch with the below organisations:

The Mix - <https://www.themix.org.uk/>

Tender - <https://tender.org.uk/>

Equation - <https://equation.org.uk/>

Is the app accessible for young Deaf people? Will there be BSL videos provided?

SafeLives: No not yet. We hoped to develop all aspects of EEDI with the second years funding.

How are the voices of young people who experience digital exclusion being heard?

SafeLives: Schools packs are developed – however as above all aspect of EEDI were under review for Year 2 once we established initial feedback, experience and reflections on the prototype platform.

What was the gender ratio of the young people involved?

SafeLives: A total of 460 responses to the survey were analysed. Two thirds (68%) of respondents were female and a quarter (27%) were male. A small proportion (2%) of respondents did not describe themselves as male or female. There were a small proportion (3%) of respondents who described themselves as transgender.

Were any trends identified regarding gender within the stories submitted? As I noticed all the examples referred to the abusive person as 'he'.

SafeLives: From the survey we received 20 stories from young people. Most stories were from female respondents (75%), with one story from a male (5%) and one story from someone who gave their gender as other (5%). Because of this we didn't look for trends regarding gender. As more stories are added to the platform we would hope to see more young men share their stories.

Is there a way of responding to immediate concerns about self-harm or suicide if that is highlighted in a post?

SafeLives: No – however it is made clear that we cannot 'reach in' – but we have given information on how young people can 'reach out' to support.