

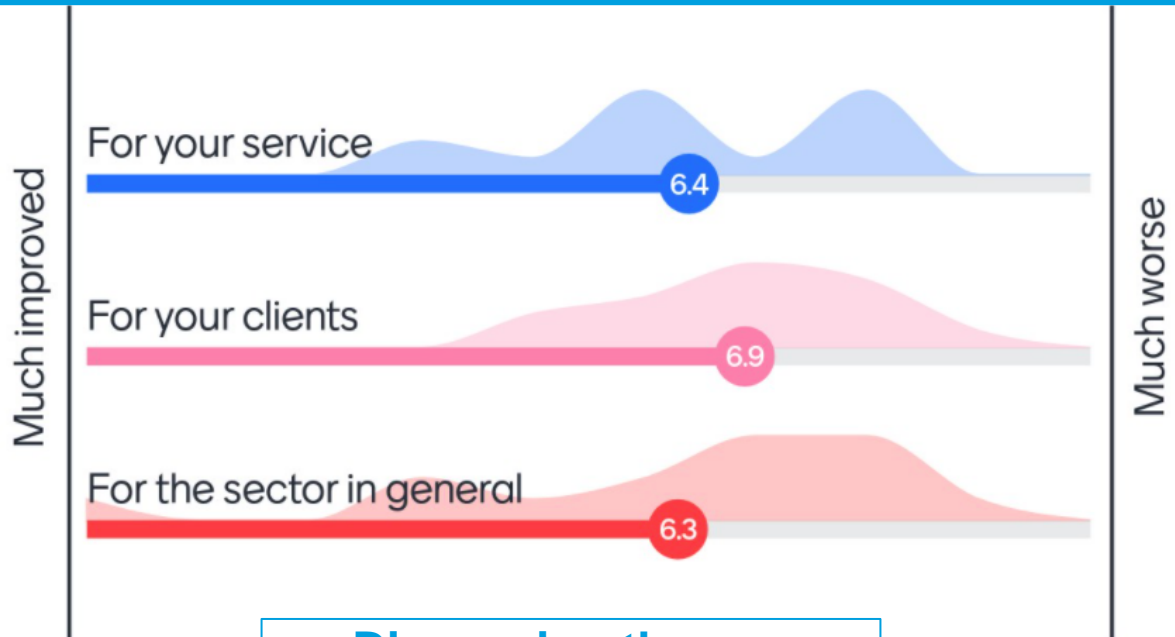
# Safe at Home in Scotland

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A network of services that support adult and child victims and survivors of domestic abuse in Scotland. Sharing practice, voicing questions and drawing on the expertise of colleagues in the sector, as we look to COVID-19 recovery planning

## We asked attendees if things had changed much since the last network meeting in November



### Sector sustainability



Short-term Covid funding has “added to the chaos”

No long-term planning or flexibility on spending timeframes

Smaller organisations do not have specialist fundraisers and bid writers – a constant struggle

### Discussion themes

#### Challenges to ‘usual’ practice



Increasingly complex cases (e.g. mental health) and limits to referring on (e.g. CYP) = longer case lengths = larger caseloads

Court delays & light sentencing – “a perfect storm” - hard to advocate for justice system when justice is not being served

Difficult to hold perpetrators to account when groupwork programmes cannot be completed

#### Positives of innovation



Technology solutions have removed some barriers to engagement

Remote/online engagement suits some survivors

Workers have “rallied round” to meet challenges of new delivery