

# Connect

...at 2 years of service delivery

## Supporting adult victim-survivors with complex and multiple needs\*

The 'Complex Needs' Idva provides flexible, dedicated and personalised support to people with complex needs in addition to domestic abuse using their specialist skills and expertise to engage, understand and work creatively with clients. The programme delivers a flexible, holistic approach that is personalised for each individual, addressing any risks and improving outcomes around their safety, needs and well-being.

\*Additional needs are likely to be substance use, mental health, homelessness, offending, disability, trauma, and/or poverty, alongside domestic abuse (All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Complex Needs and Dual Diagnosis, 2014)

How many adult victims and survivors have been supported?

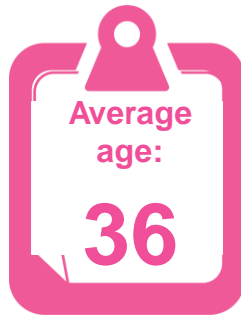
From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020



# 34

Adult victims and survivors with complex and multiple needs have been supported. The following **SafeLives Insights data** is based on those 34 individuals.

## Who are the 'complex needs' adult victim-survivors?



29% referred by external DVA & SV services  
100% are new to the services  
76% are unemployed



35% have financial issues

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

35% have a disability

Of these, 50% have mental health issues

## Who else is involved?

76% have a perpetrator who identifies as male  
For 71% the perpetrator will be an ex-intimate partner



71% have been exposed to domestic abuse in the past



0% were pregnant  
62% have children

55 children were involved

16% of children were 3 or under



6% have multiple perpetrators

## What have they experienced?

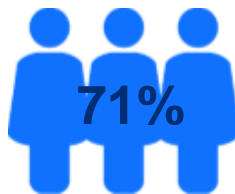
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Average number of ticks on the DASH  
12% were at serious risk of harm

Average length of abuse:



0% experienced so called 'Honour'-based violence



71%

experienced multiple types of abuse



**5**  
years

50% have experienced physical abuse

24% have experienced sexual abuse

50% have experienced harassment and / or stalking

68% have experienced jealous and controlling behaviours

## What support did they 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 supported with alcohol misuse

## What was their experience on leaving the service?

22 Exit forms have been submitted



70% cessation of physical abuse

100% cessation of sexual abuse

91% cessation of harassment & stalking

33% cessation of jealous and controlling behaviour



63% reduction in survivors experiencing multiple types of abuse

28% of survivors had experienced no abuse since intake



45% said they felt safer

45% said their wellbeing had improved

55% said they felt more confident

18% said their quality of life had improved

36% said they were optimistic about the future

(n= 11)

"I was let down for a very long time. Police and social services made me flee, then housing wouldn't help me nor would social services. **For over a year me and my children were homeless with no clue and terrified we would be on the streets...**[ldva] from Connect and [caseworker] from Early Help really helped me with my housing"

*Survivor, Complex needs programme, Connect*