

# SurvivorScotland - Stakeholder Engagement

## Background

The Scottish Government launched the National Strategy for Adult Survivors of Childhood Abuse, SurvivorScotland, in 2005 with the aim of setting a strategic way forward to improve services for survivors, to ensure greater priority and joined-up working in national and local mainstream services, and improve the lives of all who have suffered childhood trauma. In that time, the Scottish Government has done a number of important things, for example, raising public awareness, developing training and skills for frontline workers and funding service development projects across Scotland.

The Scottish Government has also introduced legislation to establish a National Confidential Forum, as part of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill 2013.

## Stakeholder Involvement

Stakeholder engagement, particularly that with survivors of childhood abuse and survivor organisations, has been important to the development of the SurvivorScotland Strategy and to the consultation on the National Confidential Forum. In an effort to hear from as many people as possible we have had dedicated groups such as the Survivor Stakeholder group and the Reference Group. We have also had a range of seminars, events and one to one discussions to seek views on a number of areas for both the SurvivorScotland Strategy and the National Confidential Forum. We also have a dedicated website, [www.survivorscotland.org.uk](http://www.survivorscotland.org.uk), and issue a SurvivorScotland newsletter.

It is important that we continue to engage with our stakeholders in the future development of the SurvivorScotland Strategy and the National Confidential Forum. At recent events stakeholders have suggested that there could be themed events such as the recent seminar on male survivors; that there should be more opportunity to engage with us through the website; that small groups could meet to discuss particular subjects including some of the arrangements required for participating in the National Confidential Forum; and that a member of the SurvivorScotland team could be invited to speak to your organisation. We will, of course, consider these suggestions but, more importantly, we would like to hear your views on how you think we should be engaging with you.

Please send your views to [Linda.Watters@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Linda.Watters@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or [Anne.MacDonald3@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Anne.MacDonald3@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) You can also write to us at The SurvivorScotland Team, Adult Care and Support Division, 2ER, St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG or call 0131 244 1723.