**Survivors Support Group**

The cross authority (Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire Police) **Strategic Management Group** for Historical Abuse established the Survivors Support Group in March 2016.

The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for survivors and their representatives to meet with key members of the Local Safeguarding Boards. The key functions of the group are:

1. To ensure that effective lines of communication are established between survivors and their representatives and the Local Safeguarding Boards.
2. To receive feedback from survivors and their representatives on the services being provided by partners to support victims and survivors of historical abuse.
3. To provide updates to survivors and their representatives regarding on-going historical abuse investigations and the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA).

Membership of the Survivors Support Group include:

* Survivors of historical abuse and their representatives including the Nottinghamshire Child Sexual Survivors Group and the East Midlands Survivors
* Nottinghamshire County Council
* Nottingham City Council
* Clinical Commissioning Groups
* Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
* Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

The Survivors Support Group meetings will normally meet every six to eight weeks.

A brief note of the key actions agreed at the meetings will be published on the City and County Councils’ websites following approval by the Survivors Support Group.

**Key actions arising from the Survivors Support Group meeting**

**held on 23 May 2016**

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| **Activity** | **Action** | **By whom** | **Timescale** |
| Work on developing the website and factsheet | Meeting has taken place between the County and the City with Survivor Group representatives to review the website and the ‘Talking about abuse that happened in childhood’ leaflet.  | Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, and survivor representatives  | Ongoing |
| Developing closer links with GPs | Practice learning event for GPs in the Nottingham North East Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is due to take place during the next few weeks. | Survivor representatives  | 30.06.2016 |
| Terms of Reference | Survivors Support Group terms of reference agreed with a number of amendments. | Nottinghamshire County Council | 30.06.2016 |
| Input into Social Work Training | Nottinghamshire County Council will facilitate a meeting between survivors and NTU. | Nottinghamshire County Council | 31.12.2016 |
| Visit to a current Children’s Home | Nottinghamshire County Council reviewing the request for survivors to visit a children’s home. | Nottinghamshire County Council | Ongoing |
| Police Investigation update (Operation Equinox) | * Most recent update on Operation Equinox will be published on the County and City Council’s websites.
* Nottingham City Council to circulate its communication regarding the accessing of personal data by an employee related to an individual charged with child sexual abuse
 | * Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council
* Nottingham City Council
 | 30.06.201630.06.2016 |
| Communications  | * Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council to review the names of children’s homes listed on the Councils’ website as being part of Operation Equinox for accuracy.
* Clinical Commissioning Groups agreed to review their websites regarding contents on historical child abuse.
 | * Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council
* Clinical Commissioning Groups
 | 30.06.2016Ongoing |
| Support Services | Nottingham City agreedto circulate the final guidance regarding the leaflet on accessing support services for victims and survivors of historical child abuse. | Nottingham City Council | 30.06.2016 |

**Dates for the next Survivor’s Support Group meetings:** Tuesday 27 September 2016.

**Questions about the Survivors Support Group?**

If you would like to find out more about the Survivors Support Group, or have any questions please e-mail: cfcs.director@nottscc.gov.uk