



Survivors' Forum Annual Survey 2023

Thank you for taking part in the Women's Aid Survivors' Forum Survey. This survey is for the sole use of Women's Aid to better understand the forum and how you use it. It will be used by Women's Aid to evaluate the forum and may be used to support funding bids.

Your answers will remain completely anonymous. If you share contact details to be on the Women's Aid mailing list, your answers will be analyzed and evaluated separately from your contact details and we will never ask you about them. We will keep responses for one year.

If you need support and information, head to www.womensaid.org.uk for Live Chat, the Survivors' Forum, the Survivor's Handbook and the Domestic Abuse Directory.

Please see our information about covering your tracks online on the Survivors' Forum - <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/cover-your-tracks-online/>

If you are worried about someone seeing what you have been doing online, use a different computer, either at a local library, internet cafe, at a friend's house or at work.

Women's Aid will only use this information internally and will not collect personal data here. If you have any questions about the survey, please email website@womensaid.org.uk.

* Required

1. Please confirm the following:

I have read the introductory information and I am happy with how my responses to this survey will be stored and used. *

☐ Yes

2. From time to time, it really helps if Women's Aid can draw on the experiences of survivors to influence policymakers and gain support for the work we do (eg. use in a funding bid or marketing campaign). Please indicate if you are happy for us to use quotes from your answers in our work (all quotes used will be completely anonymised).

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☐ Yes

☐ No

3. How did you first hear about the Women's Aid Survivors' Forum?

☐ Nurse, doctor or other healthcare professional

☐ Statutory agency (eg social worker, police)

☐ National Domestic Abuse Helpline

☐ Your local domestic abuse service or refuge

☐ Women's Aid website

☐ Women's Aid newsletter

☐ Women's Aid poster/advert

☐ Social media (Twitter/Facebook/Instagram)

☐ Another helpline

☐ Online search/Google

☐ Recommended by a friend or family member

☐ Can't remember/don't know

☐ Other

4. How often do you visit the online forum?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Once or twice a week
- ☐ Once or twice a month
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ No longer use it

5. How do you use the online forum (please tick as many as apply):

- ☐ Read other people's posts
- ☐ Post own messages
- ☐ Answer other people's posts
- ☐ Send private messages
- ☐ Other

6. How long have you been using the forum?

- ☐ Less than one month
- ☐ One month to six months
- ☐ More than six months to a year
- ☐ One to two years
- ☐ More than two years

7. Moderators may edit or remove a post to ensure no identifying details are included. With this in mind, how satisfied are you with the way the forum is moderated?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Quite satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
- ☐ Not very satisfied
- ☐ Not at all satisfied

8. Please tell us more about how you feel about the way the forum is moderated:

9. Has using the forum helped you...

	Yes - a lot	Yes - a little	No - not much	No - not at all	Not sure
Share experiences with other people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feel safer/plan safety measures?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gain a better understanding of domestic abuse?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take informed decisions about your relationship?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gain more confidence?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feel supported by people in similar situations?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feel supported by your community outside of the forum?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Please tell us a little more about this:

11. And has this forum helped you feel...

	Yes - a lot	Yes - a little	No - not much	No - not at all	Not sure
More supported?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More hopeful?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stronger in yourself?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More safe?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Less anxious?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Less isolated?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Less scared?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. Please tell us a little more about this:

13. What is the greatest impact the forum has had on your life?

14. Do you plan to keep using the forum?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

15. With the limited resources we have available due to funding, we want to prioritise improvements to the forum that can support survivors. Do you have any suggestions that might improve the online forum for you and/or others? Eg. features to improve functionality, improvements to accessibility.

16. Are you involved in any other peer support? (eg. group therapy, Facebook groups)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

17. If yes, what is the peer support for and what do you like about it?

18. I feel comfortable talking to the following people about my feelings:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
My family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aquaintances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People in peer support/on the forum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health professionals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other support professionals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Demographic information

These questions won't be used to identify anyone, they will allow us to look at the results in more depth and consider how experiences differ.

19. How do you describe yourself? (Please select an option below)

- ☐ A woman
- ☐ Intersex
- ☐ Gender queer
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other

20. Do you identify as trans?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

21. Please tell us about the person/people who perpetrated abuse against you - were/are they? (Please select all options that apply below)

- ☐ Your partner
- ☐ Your sibling
- ☐ Your parent(s) or step-parent(s)
- ☐ Your child
- ☐ Your carer
- ☐ Other family member
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other

22. If you answered 'Your partner', are you still in the relationship?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

23. Please tell us about the person/people who perpetrated abuse against you. Were/are they? (Please select an option below)

- ☐ A man
- ☐ A woman
- ☐ Other (non-binary/not male or female)
- ☐ Multiple abusers (all male)
- ☐ Multiple abusers (all female)
- ☐ Multiple abusers (male and female)
- ☐ Do not wish to say
- ☐ Other

24. What is your ethnicity?

- ☐ Asian/ Asian British - Bangladeshi
- ☐ Asian/ Asian British - Chinese
- ☐ Asian/ Asian British - Indian
- ☐ Asian/ Asian British - Pakistani
- ☐ Any other Asian/Asian British background
- ☐ Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British - African
- ☐ Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British - Caribbean
- ☐ Any other Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British background
- ☐ Mixed/ Multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian
- ☐ Mixed/ Multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African
- ☐ Mixed/ Multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean
- ☐ Any other Mixed/ Multiple ethnic background
- ☐ White - English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British
- ☐ White - Irish
- ☐ White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- ☐ White - Roma
- ☐ Any other White background
- ☐ Other ethnic group - Arab
- ☐ Any other ethnic group
- ☐ Prefer not to say

25. What language do you feel most comfortable communicating in?

26. How old are you?

- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75-84
- ☐ 84+
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

27. Do you have a disability or long term health issue (including mental health issues)?

- ☐ Yes, I have a disability
- ☐ Yes, I have a disability and a long term health issue
- ☐ Yes, I have a long term health issue
- ☐ No, neither [disability nor long term health issue]
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Final comments

28. How has the cost-of-living crisis affected your experience of abuse and/or seeking support?

29. We are now at the end of the survey. Do you have any other comments?

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