

Service Providers' Perspectives on Barriers and Facilitators for People with Intellectual Disability Accessing Mainstream Violence Response Services

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Outline

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What is this study about?

- What service providers think the barriers and facilitators are for people with intellectual disability disclosing experiences of sexual violence
- Service providers thoughts on the barriers and facilitators for people with intellectual disability accessing mainstream violence response services.
- The resources useful in best practice, for service providers working with people who have an intellectual disability.



Defining Sexual Violence

Sexual Assault

Once off incident.

Sexual Abuse

Ongoing occurrence of abuse.

Defining Violence Response Services

Mainstream Violence Response Services

Police, domestic violence services, sexual assault services, counselling, health services and other relevant services available to people within the general community.

Why do this study?

- People with disabilities are significantly more vulnerable to experiencing neglect, violence or abuse.
- People with intellectual disability are more likely to experience sexual violence compared to people with other types of disability.
- 17% of all women experienced sexual violence vs 4% men.
- 1 in 7 who experienced violence from an intimate partner reported to police.
- 1 in 6 who experienced violence from someone else (non-partner) reported to police.

Why do this study?
**People with Disability
invisible in the statistics.**



Rationale

- No clear national data collection procedures
- Few studies explore the experience or voice of service providers who are working in relevant fields.
- Few state-based studies illustrate the South Australian context.
- South Australian Disability Justice Plan (2014) provides recommendations on policy reform.

Are there benefits to participating?

- Service Providers can represent a voice that isn't readily available in the literature.
- May inform people with disabilities, their families about the local reporting environment in South Australia.
- May inform key stakeholders such as police, disability agency staff, violence-response services and government.



Looking for ? Participants

Who have worked with people who have an intellectual disability.

From a range of services both within the disability sector and mainstream sector.

Any level of service from support workers to CEOs.

You are not required to have direct experiences of reporting sexual abuse.



Participants, continued:

- All participants must be 18 years or older.
- Must have experiences of working with people who have an intellectual disability.
- Must have worked within service delivery role within the last ten years.
- Participants must be based in metropolitan Adelaide.



What will participants be asked to do?

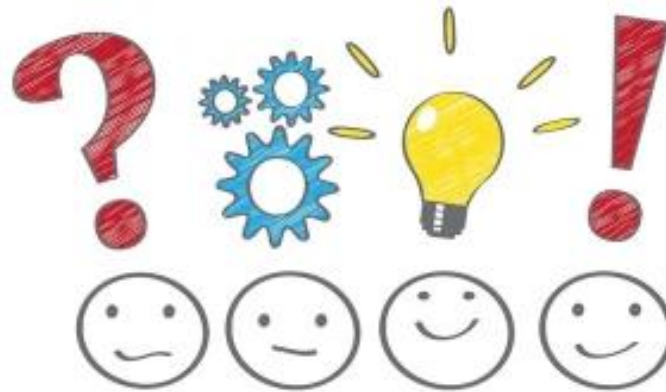
- Agree to a one hour interview which can be held at a place of your choice.
- Interview will be audio recorded if participants agree. ‘
- Participant’s name and organisation will be de-identified.



What kind of questions might be asked?

If you were coordinating a team and were training your staff to respond to reports of sexual violence, what resources would be important?

If you could wave a magic wand tomorrow, describe how you might change the way services respond to reports of violence against people with intellectual disability?



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