

# Do you support women in Greater Manchester?

Voices of Survivors

Hearing Women for Change

If so we would like to hear from you!

We want to gather the experiences and views of as many female survivors of sexual violence, abuse and exploitation from across Greater Manchester as possible. We need your help to reach all the women we can. In addition we want to build a network of high quality support for women who have experienced sexual violence and exploitation across Greater Manchester. Although there are very few specialist services for women who have experienced sexual violence, we know that lots of agencies are offering fantastic support. We believe that by listening to the voices of survivors and coming together as organisations that work with women we can make a real difference to the support offered to female survivors.

*Sharing my story helped me to move forward*

Feeling ashamed kept me silent for many years

**BEING LISTENED TO HELPED ME TO HAVE A VOICE**

I thought it was my fault, I didn't think anyone would believe me



# Who are we?

Voices of Survivors: Hearing Women for Change (VOS) is a partnership between Manchester Action on Street Health (MASH), Manchester Rape Crisis and Trafford Rape Crisis; working closely with Manchester Metropolitan University. We are funded by the Lloyds Bank Charitable Foundation until September 2018.

Please get in touch and get involved!

For more information and to receive up to date information about the project please visit

[www.vosgm.org.uk](http://www.vosgm.org.uk)

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# What do we want to do?

- We have developed a questionnaire aimed at all women. It can be completed online or on paper. It's completely anonymous and confidential. **Please help us by publicising this as widely as possible, to all women, not just those you think may be survivors.** We know that an online questionnaire won't work for everyone so we are asking you to **print copies off and to help and encourage the women you work with to fill them in and post them off to us.**
- We plan to train women from a variety of communities to gather experiences of women who may find it particularly difficult to get heard, including women whose first language is not English.
- We will run events in all 10 Greater Manchester Boroughs where women can get together and share their views.
- We want to build a network of high quality support for women who have experienced sexual violence and exploitation across Greater Manchester. We want to find out more about what we all offer by holding events and developing a directory of organisations. **Please visit the Networks Page on our website to find out more.**
- We want to make sure that any organisation a woman may turn to know how to respond to her appropriately and how to make sure she gets the help she needs. We will do this by consulting with you and by offering specialist training.

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