

# Exploring Risk and Protective Factors for Serious Youth Violence: Parents and Carers Information Sheet

## Who are we?

- We are from an organisation called TONIC
- We are looking at risk and support factors for serious youth violence
- All our work centres around giving people a voice and sharing this with decision makers
- We have partnered with Catch 22 and St Giles for this project

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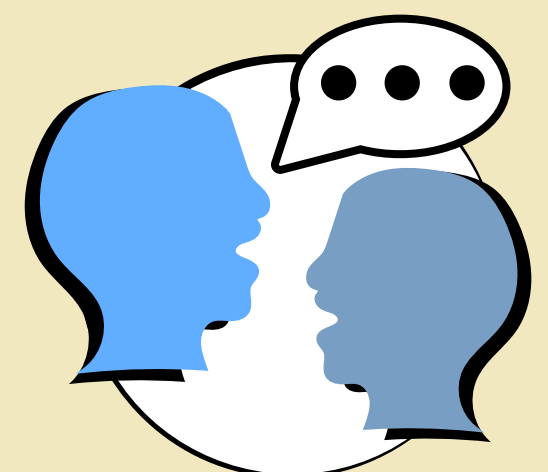
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## What is the project?

- We have been asked to complete this work by the Department for Education (DfE)
- We need to learn from young people, and their families, about risk and support factors linked to serious violence
- The information will be used to create support for young people in the future
- This is a chance to have a say on who or what let you or the young person down, or what was helpful when they were younger
- We write a report at the end that goes on gov.uk - this will not have your name in

## What are the project aims?

- We want to understand the drivers of violence from people who have been directly affected
- The aim is to use this information to create services that can support young people better
- We want to give young people and their parents or carers a voice in shaping these services based on your life experiences



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## What does it involve?

- We would like to talk through important moments in the young person's life before, during, and after any violence took place
- This might include conversations about the communities and people they grew up with, school life and things they enjoyed doing
- The important moments are defined by you, not us
- Conversations will take place in-person and will last between 1-2 hours
- We will meet online or over the phone at a time that is best for you
- You can also bring someone with you if this helps you to feel more comfortable
- **It's a judgment free space**
- **There are no right or wrong answers**
- **To say thank you for your participation, you will receive a £30 Prezzy voucher**

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## How to be involved?

To participate you need to:

- Be a parent or carer or a young people currently aged 16-24 years old who has been 'involved' in serious violence when they were 18 or under, this can include:
  - Violence against a person (e.g. Robbery, ABH,GBH, Manslaughter or Murder)
  - Sexual violence
  - Possession of a weapon
- The young person can be in the community or prison
- They may also have been a victim of violence



## Is participation voluntary?

- Participation is voluntary, which means it is up to you if you would like to share your views
- You should not feel like you have to take part
- If you choose not to, it will not affect the care you receive
- You do not have to answer all of our questions
- You can end the conversation at any time
- You can also request we remove your answers from our report up until the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025



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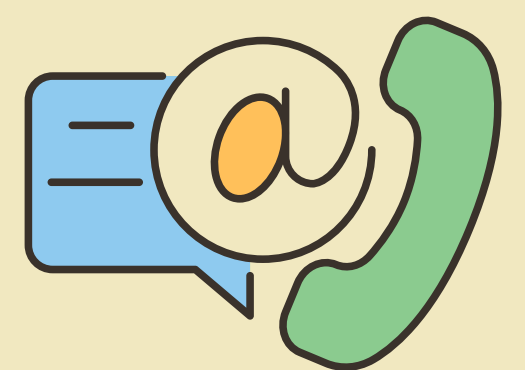
## Is the research confidential?

- What we talk about is confidential unless you tell us that you or someone else is at risk of harm
- The focus of the conversation is not about offending, it is about things you think led to the young person being involved in violence, and things that could have prevented this
- We may also have to report information about offences someone has not been convicted of if you give us specific details
- We will not record your name or anything that might reveal your identity
- We write a report that goes on gov.uk but your name will not appear
- We might use a quote from our conversation, but it will not have your name next to it or be obvious it is from you
- We will ask your permission to audio record the conversation, so we can remember what was said and don't have to try and write everything down
- We will not share recordings with anyone outside of the team



## Contact Details

If you have any concerns about the project, please do bring it to our attention by emailing the project lead at  
[sarah@tonic.org.uk](mailto:sarah@tonic.org.uk)



# Consent Form

	Tick if you agree
I have had time to read and understand the information sheet	
I understand that any information I provide will be anonymised and kept confidential unless I say something which indicates a risk of harm to myself or someone else	
I understand the purpose of this project is to gain insight into serious youth violence; the risk and support factors	
I understand that my participation is voluntary, and I can withdraw my responses from the project up until 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	
I understand I can choose not to answer any questions I do not feel comfortable with	
I understand you won't record my name, but consent to you storing other relevant demographic information to make sure you hear from a wide range of people	
I agree to the conversation being audio recorded	
I consent to participate in the project	

Participant’s Signature:

Date:

Researcher’s Signature:

Date:

If you have concerns about the research, or would like further information please contact the Project Manager Sarah Senker at [sarah@tonic.org.uk](mailto:sarah@tonic.org.uk)