

Dual experience clients

Survivors of sexual violence who have also perpetrated sexual offences are referred to as 'dual experience' clients. North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner is funding a pilot initiative for remote counselling support for these individuals with a registered StopSo therapist. Survive can facilitate access to these specialist therapists.

Who are StopSo?

StopSo are a UK registered charity and the specialist treatment organisation for perpetrators and survivors of sexual offending. They also work with those at risk of turning thought into action. StopSo aim to prevent harmful sexual behaviour through therapy. Anyone who is concerned about their thoughts or behaviour, or knows someone who is acting inappropriately, can ask for help.

Who are StopSo registered therapists?

StopSo registered therapists have undertaken additional specialist training to enable them to work safely with those who have committed sexual offences or are at risk of doing so. Survive can facilitate access to these specialist therapists.

How does this pilot initiative work?

Survive will pass details of dual experience clients to a StopSo registered therapist.

Dual experience clients will be supported via telephone or online via their assigned StopSo registered therapist who works remotely. Dual experience clients are only supported remotely, there are no face-to-face sessions. Neither the dual experience clients nor the StopSO therapist will use Survive offices or facilities.

Each client will receive an initial assessment and up to 10 sessions of counselling.

How is it funded?

This pilot initiative is funded by North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

“Seeing a StopSO counsellor means having the support of someone who is impartial and non judgemental, who can help me to make the changes needed to turn my life around and make myself into a better person, making sure that my behaviour stays in the past and does not cause any more harm to other people.”