

Middlesbrough Survivors Panel

Role description

Role title: Member of Middlesbrough Survivors Panel

Role purpose:

The Middlesbrough Survivors Panel exists to provide advice, guidance, and 'expertise by experience' to organisations, in order to ensure we are meeting the needs of survivors in Middlesbrough, in the most effective way possible to help support future healing and empowerment.

Role knowledge/skills/experience

- Good listening skills and empathy.
- Commitment to equality and diversity.
- Ability to influence and constructively challenge at all levels.
- Previously accessed services for sexual violence or abuse (desirable).
- Survivor or lived experience of domestic or sexual violence, rape and abuse or sexual exploitation.

Role expectations

- To show commitment to the purpose of the Survivors Panel.
- To be a voice for survivors who have experienced any form of violence at any time in their lives, to change and influence organisational and statutory responses.
- To provide an 'experts by experience' view of all panel activities.
- To monitor the activities of the panel to ensure best practice is adhered to.
- To have influence and input into ideas on how the panel develops.
- To provide influence and challenge on how organisations and services support survivors.
- To actively take part in services and projects as and when appropriate.
- To hold accountable actions and responsibilities in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the panel.

Membership of the Survivors Panel is voluntary, but requires strong commitment of valuable time and effort to ensure accountabilities are fulfilled. You can choose how involved you become – you will always be in control. But your contribution, however large or small, is hugely valuable to us.

To find out more about the panel, or to discuss any adjustments you need to allow you to attend, email survivorpanel@middlesbrough.gov.uk.