

Providing support and advice for survivors of abuse

Staff receiving disclosures of historic abuse are urged to ensure that they respond promptly, professionally and sensitively to survivors. Each survivor will have different needs, and for many, being treated with a lack of compassion when disclosing historic abuse can be as damaging as the original abuse itself.

in addition to following all appropriate procedures, such as contacting the police or LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) or equivalent if necessary, staff can signpost the following services:

NAPAC

BSA is very grateful to NAPAC for their engagement with boarding professionals to ensure sector responses to survivors are as good as they can be.

- The National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC) - www.napac.co.uk

NSPCC also has a helpline help@nspcc.org.uk and a help page for survivors: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/signs-symptoms-effects/non-recent-abuse/>

Other sources of support include:

- The Samaritans - www.samaritans.org
- Citizens Advice - www.citizensadvice.org.uk
- Speak out Scotland - www.speakoutscotland.org
- Scottish childhood abuse: support - www.mygov.scot/childhood-abuse
- HAVOCA Help for Victims of Child Abuse - www.havoca.org
- Victim Support - www.victimsupport.org.uk
- Survivors Trust - <http://thesurvivorstrust.org>

BSA advice for staff in schools is available from:

BSA Head of Safeguarding and Standards, Dale Wilkins: dale@boarding.org.uk

All staff in schools are reminded:

Any member of staff in a BSA school is required, under the BSA Commitment to Care Charter, to report any safeguarding concern about a child to the relevant authorities.

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