

Dear parent/ carer,

We at the Institute for Public Safety, Crime and Justice (IPSCJ) based at the University of Northampton have been commissioned by Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit (NNVRU) to carry out research to better understand serious violence, what causes it, how it is experienced by different groups and what can be done to address it. As part of that research we are particularly interested in gaining the views of:

1. People with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) who are 16 or over who have experienced violence in some way
2. Parents and carers of a young person or adult with SEND who has experienced violence in some way

The reason for this is because the Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit (NNVRU) aim to understand reasons why, according to some research, people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities may be at an increased risk of being a victim of violence or being involved in violence and to also better understand the needs of those with SEND who do experience violence.

Therefore, if you are a parent or carer of someone with SEND that has experienced or been involved in violence in some way, we would like to invite you to take part in an interview with one of the research team. Attached to this email is a participant information sheet, which will give you more information about the research. If you are interested in taking part in the research please contact me (kathryn.cahalin@northampton.ac.uk) and I can arrange an interview with you and/or provide you with more information about the research.

We are keen to gain feedback from parent and carers this month.

Thank you and kind regards

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