
WE ASKED HOW WOULD A PERSON EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC ABUSE FIND INFORMATION DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY?

A SMALL NUMBER OF WEBSITES HIGHLIGHTED THE ISSUE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE DURING THE LOCKDOWN AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF IT INCREASING. THE INFORMATION ON THE LANDING PAGE WAS CLEAR AND ACCESSIBLE TO A RANGE OF DIVERSE AUDIENCES. THE MESSAGE THAT ‘YOU ARE NOT ALONE’ WAS CLEAR, ESPECIALLY WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY IMAGES.
OTHER WEBSITES HAVE A LINK FROM THE LANDING PAGE TO INFORMATION ABOUT ABUSE DURING COVID-19.

A SMALL NUMBER OF FORCES HAD INFORMATION ABOUT DOMESTIC ABUSE DURING COVID-19, BUT THIS WAS IN THE PRESS RELEASE OR NEWS SECTION, AND THEREFORE NOT EASILY FOUND.

FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF WEBSITES, A VICTIM WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO QUICKLY LOCATE INFORMATION.

THE BEST WEBSITES EXPLAIN CLEARLY THAT THE POLICE ARE STILL VERY RESPONSIVE TO DOMESTIC ABUSE DURING THE COVID EMERGENCY. THEY EMPHASISE WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE, EXPLAIN HOW TO REPORT INCIDENTS AND WHAT HAPPENS AFTER REPORTING.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICE WEBSITES

FOR MORE DETAILS OF THIS PROJECT SEE HTTPS://WWW.LIVERPOOL.AC.UK/LAW-AND-SOCIAL-JUSTICE/RESEARCH/CORONAVIRUS-RESEARCH/THE-SHADOW-PANDEMIC/

1. Use information and visual images on the landing page that highlight issues of abuse during Covid-19
2. Include a link from the landing page to further information about support for victims during the Covid-19 emergency
3. Provide information from a victim’s point of view in clear language.
4. Provide details of what will happen after a report is made.

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