Stalking in Kirklees: a participatory action research project 2022-2023



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Key aims:

- 1.Establish a clearer picture of women's experiences of stalking in Kirklees, including how West Yorkshire Police are currently policing stalking and identifying gaps in support for survivors.
- 2. In collaboration, support & inform partnership work around stalking: creating new knowledge via action research in Kirklees driven by women's lived experiences.

Research Methods, Actions, Outcomes

Young people's stalking awareness survey (N=280)

Co-production of animation "Stepping out of Silence"

Qualitative research: interviews police (n=17) & women of lived experience of stalking (N=17).

"Voices
Heard": Lived
experience
influencers
group

Support services stalking survey (N=33 organisations)

Women had mixed

experiences of policing.

Being believed & heard was

important, as well as their

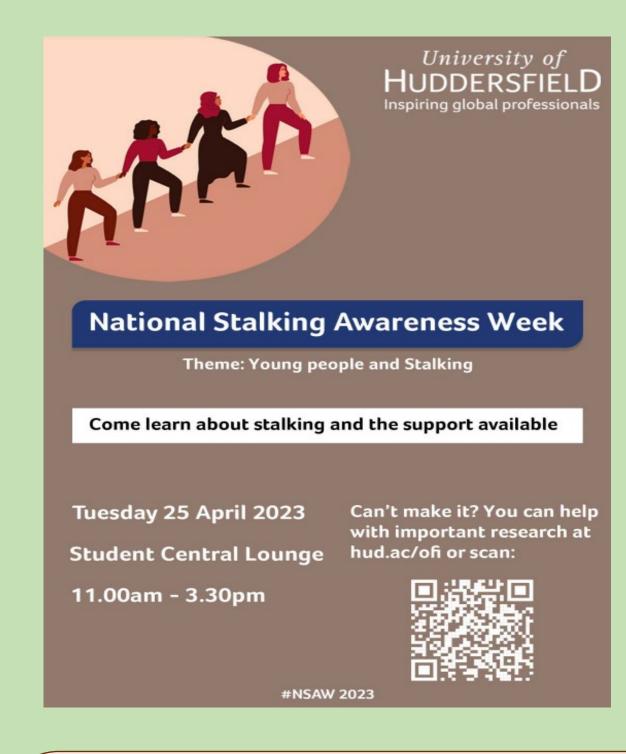
concerns or fears not being

minimised.

Supported local awareness raising & training events

Established
Kirklees stalking
research &
prevention hub

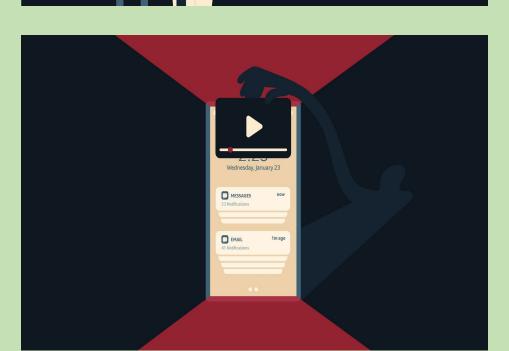








"He became,",
obsessed



Compassionate and responsive support services were critical for healing & reducing trauma.

Police underlined the significance of early intervention and evidence gathering.

Stalking had profound

impacts on women's

physical/ mental health,

their social life/

relationships, & their

finances/employment.

They also noted a need for further training and the development of perpetrator interventions.

92% of young people (16-24) surveyed were not aware of services where they could get stalking support.

Over half of services (52%) responding to the survey said staff/volunteers did not receive any training.

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