STATEMENT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S THERAPY WAITING LIST CLOSURE.

Survivors' Network is the Rape Crisis Centre for Sussex and we have been delivering support for survivors of sexual violence and abuse for over 30 years.

We have made the difficult decision to extend the closure of our Young People's therapy service in East Sussex and additionally close the Young People's therapy service in Brighton for the next 6 months.

This is because of the significant increase in demand for therapy without a sustained increase in funding, which is being seen across the country. This has led to extensive waiting times for therapy.

We understand the important role that therapy can play in the recovery journey for young survivors so during the time that the list is closed, we will be streamlining our processes, seeking additional funding and looking at ways to work with more clients. All our other services for young people remain open as usual. We believe you and are still here for you.

We support survivors of all ages and genders across our services, which include groupwork, a helpline & email support service, an ISVA Service and therapy. A full list of our services is available here: <u>Get help - Survivors Network</u>

If you are already on the waiting list, you will remain on the list. Anyone already receiving therapy will continue to be able to receive this support. Referrals received up until Friday 15th September at 5pm will be added to the waiting list.

We will be contacting all clients on the list to check if they are still eligible and interested in accessing the service.

If you have any concerns or questions about your referral, please contact us on info@survivorsnetwork.org.uk