

## Support in Islington for survivors of non-recent child abuse

Islington Council are working in partnership with Islington Survivors' Network (ISN) to offer support to anyone who may have suffered sexual, physical, emotional abuse or neglect at an Islington children's home or foster care placement in the past. The council has commissioned a new service, dedicated to providing support to people affected in this way.

### Support Available

Islington Council is extremely sorry for the council's past failure to protect vulnerable children. We know that those who were abused continue to suffer today. Islington Council is a different organisation today and safeguarding children from harm is our top priority.

Abuse suffered as a child can be very distressing for people to accept when they are adults and can affect people in different ways. Speaking out is often an important step towards rebuilding and recovery.

The services we provide aim to address and support individual social, mental, physical and emotional needs.

For survivor support, please contact:

**Telephone:** 020 7527 1848

**Email:** [survivorsupport@islington.gov.uk](mailto:survivorsupport@islington.gov.uk) (you will receive a response within ten working days)

### What happens when you contact us?

The service is confidential, safe and responsive. Anyone who contacts us will be listened to and dealt with sensitively. The service will:

- Offer support tailored to your individual requirements following an initial conversation to identify your personal needs.
- Provide assistance to access your files should you wish to see them.
- Deal with all matters confidentially.
- Assist you to access other support you may need such as psychological therapy services where appropriate.

### Other support

#### Islington Survivors Network

Islington Survivors Network (ISN) is an independent organisation, separate from the council, which campaigns on behalf of survivors of child abuse in Islington children's homes and foster placements. For more information about ISN visit [www.islingtonsurvivors.co.uk](http://www.islingtonsurvivors.co.uk), or contact them directly:

**Telephone:** 0300 302 0930 (where you can leave a message)

**Email:** [islingtonsn@gmail.com](mailto:islingtonsn@gmail.com)

#### The National Association for People Abused in Childhood

The National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC) is a charity which offers support to adult survivors of all types of childhood abuse, including physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect. For more information about NAPAC visit [www.napac.org.uk](http://www.napac.org.uk) or contact them directly:

**Telephone:** 0808 801 0331 (free from landlines and mobiles – 10am-9pm Mon-Thu & 10am-6pm Fri)

***If you are concerned an abuser may still be working with children refer to the support coordinator. If you wish to report a criminal offence: call the police on 101.***