

Support for those affected

We extend our heartfelt compassion to all survivors of sexual abuse. We recognise the deep harm and lasting impact that such experiences can have.

We encourage everyone in the church to make every effort to help in the ongoing comfort, safety and wellbeing of known and unknown survivors, including being sensitive and trauma informed. Whilst we are not counsellors, the ministry and the church will do all it can within its resources to provide care, comfort and support.

We acknowledge that raising concerns about child sexual abuse can be difficult. Support is available to assist in reporting to Police, direct to professional services, or simply listen with care.

The following services may be of interest or help also.

1800 Respect

website: www.1800respect.org.au

phone: 1800 737 732

24/7 telephone and online crisis support, information and immediate referral to specialist counselling for anyone in Australia who has experienced or been impacted by sexual assault, or domestic or family violence.

Blue Knot Foundation

website: www.blueknot.org.au

phone: 1300 657 380 (9.00 am-5.00 pm AEST/AEDT 7 days)

email: helpline@blueknot.org.au

Provides telephone counselling, information and support for adult survivors of child abuse and referral to professionals and agencies. Provides workshops for survivors, family members, partners and friends.

Bravehearts

website: www.bravehearts.org.au

phone: 1800 272 831 (Monday-Friday 8.00 am-4.30 pm AEST/AEDT)

email: rc@bravehearts.org.au

Specialist case management, and telephone counselling in all states and territories for child and adult survivors, non-offending family members and friends.

Children and Young People with Disability Australia

website: www.cda.org.au

phone: 1800 222 660

phone: (03) 9417 1025

email: info@cda.org.au

Provides information, referral and systemic advocacy regarding the experiences of children with disability.

Headspace

website: www.headspace.org.au

phone: 1800 650 890

online counselling: www.eheadspace.org.au

Counselling and referral service for young people aged 12- 25 years. Also supports parents.

In Good Faith Foundation

website: www.igff.com.au

phone: (03) 9326 1190

email: igff@igff.com.au

Provides independent advocacy, case work, referral and support to aid recovery for victims, their families and communities responding to clergy, religious and lay abuse.

Lifeline

website: www.lifeline.org.au

phone: 131 114

24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention.

Lighthouse Foundation

website: www.lighthousefoundation.org.au

phone: (03) 9093 7500

Specialist attachment and trauma informed training.

MensLine Australia

website: www.mensline.org.au

phone: 1300 789 978 (24-hour support)

Online counselling

A national telephone and online support, information and referral service for men with family and relationship concerns.

Sexual Assault Counselling Australia (SACA)

website: www.sexualassaultcounselling.org.au

phone: 1800 211 028 (Monday-Friday 8.00 am-11.00 pm AEST/AEDT)

Provides telephone counselling, including a free telephone interpreting service, for people affected by the Royal Commission. Staffed by trauma specialist counsellors.

Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC)

website: www.kemh.health.wa.gov.au/services/sarc/

phone: (08) 6458 1828 (24-hour helpline)

phone: 1800 199 888

Emergency sexual assault (rape crisis) service for Perth, also providing advice, counselling and support for people who have been sexually assaulted in the past.