'This is bigger than therapy': exploring the potential of coproduction to aid recovery for victims and survivors of abuse in the Christian faith communities.

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Survivor participation and coproduction in the Church of England

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2024

The General Synod recognized survivor engagement as a key priority for action, and survivors, and members of the Survivors Reference Group (SRG), attended for first time the Synod

Survivors of the SRG, supported by Minister and Clergy Sexual Abuse Survivors (MACSAS) and Social Care Institute of Excellence (SCIE), drafted the first strategic survivor engagement framework

The National
Safeguarding
Steering Group
(NNSG) approved
an expenses and
honorarium policy,
which was
coproduced by
survivors and the
National
Safeguarding Team
(NST).

A Partnerships and Engagement Lead is appointed to oversee survivor engagement at the national level and lead the creation and implementation of a framework

A public anonymous survey heard the views of 171 survivors, including those who have not previously engaged, on how to engage and develop the framework

The NST codesigned the framework with survivors, safeguarding professionals, and subject experts.

On 25 November, the NSSG approved the framework in alignment with the National Safeguarding Standard 4.1.

#### https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguar ding/survivor-participation

In this webpage, you can also watch an animation video, and the film 'Shoots of hope' we coproduced with survivors

Shoots of hope: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cw9gY2Z2Xzw&t=1160s-">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cw9gY2Z2Xzw&t=1160s-</a>



# The meaning and value of coproduction in the church context

## The potential of coproduction to aid recovery from moral injury

#### Andrew's story

"Thanks to all for welcoming me yesterday and today and for the generosity in spirit of allowing me to take part and giving me space to share thoughts. It remains a privilege to be asked to contribute on behalf, so to speak, of such a vast and varied representative group as well as my own personal thoughts; and, on such an important subject. The trust and confidence you've placed in me with your good selves is important"

Patty's story

"Thank you so much for your ongoing kindness. I am so grateful for the Safeguarding team for all that is done, your patience with me when I have been dragging my feet and on the emotional rollercoaster of ups and downs. You have always wanted me to feel safe. Would it be ok for me to show the snippet of the video to my counsellor please? I am aware it is not yet in the public domain"

#### Some final thoughts

Space for discussion

10 min

### Thank you

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