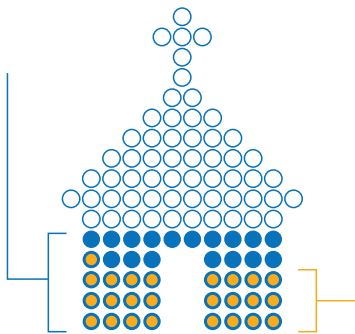


IN CHURCHES TOO: Church Responses to Domestic Abuse – a case study of Cumbria

Researchers from Coventry University and the University of Leicester asked **438 CHURCHGOERS** in Cumbria, north-west England, how the church was responding to domestic abuse.

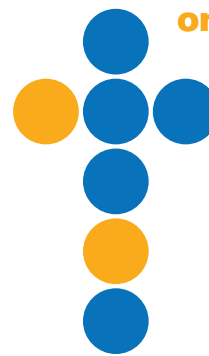
42.2%

experienced at least one abusive act in a **CURRENT** and/or **PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP**, on at least one occasion



1 in 4

of the sample have experienced at least one abusive act in a **CURRENT RELATIONSHIP**

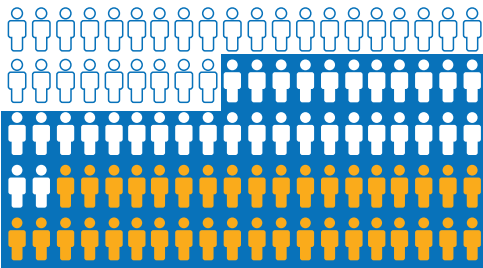


only around

2 in 7

churchgoers

consider their church to be adequately equipped to deal with a disclosure of domestic abuse



71.0%

were aware of domestic abuse in their **COMMUNITY**

BUT ONLY 37.6%

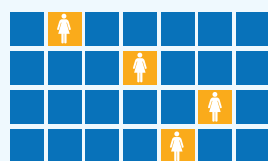
thought it was a problem in their **CHURCH**

Rates of prevalence for each category of abuse are **higher for women than men**

WOMEN WERE MORE THAN FOUR TIMES as likely as men to report having been **SEXUALLY ABUSED** once or more



No men reported being **PHYSICALLY ABUSED** on a weekly basis, whereas **3.2% OF WOMEN** did



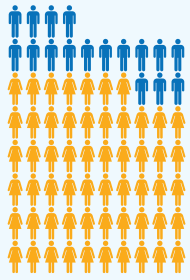
WOMEN WERE ALMOST FOUR TIMES as likely as men to report experiencing **FINANCIAL ABUSE** several times a year



WOMEN WERE MORE THAN TWICE as likely as men to report experiencing **SPIRITUAL ABUSE** several times a year



Experiences of domestic abuse



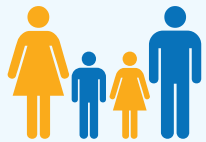
Of those who'd experienced an abusive act, 57.4% of **WOMEN** considered themselves to have **EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC ABUSE** compared to only 16.7% of **MEN**



90.8% of cases involve **MALE PERPETRATORS** and 9.2% involve **FEMALE PERPETRATORS**

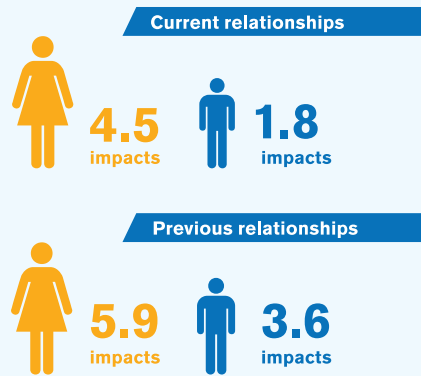


56.7% involve **CHRISTIAN PERPETRATORS** and 43.3% involve **NON-CHRISTIAN PERPETRATORS**

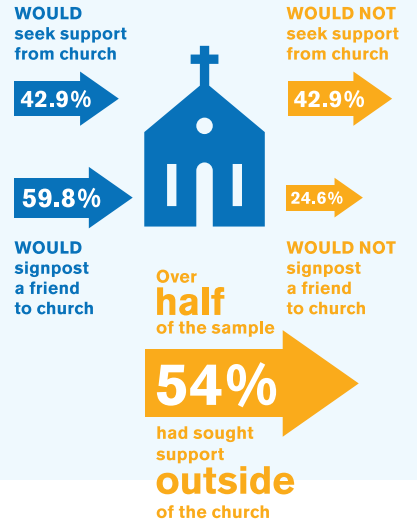


JUST OVER HALF of cases involve families with **CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18** living at home while the respondent was being abused

Women typically reported experiencing a higher number of impacts of domestic abuse than men:



Seeking help from the church for domestic abuse:



Older people are less likely to report having experienced domestic abuse



Which of the following are you aware of in your church?

(% of people selecting each option)

