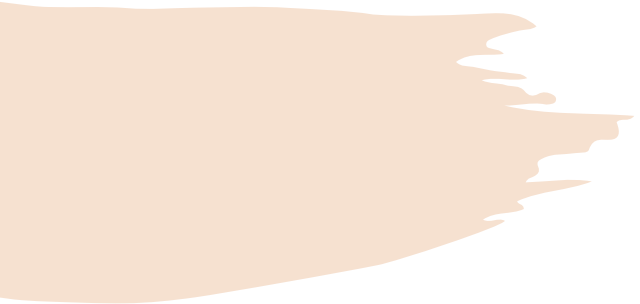




***Domestic Abuse:
baseline survey***

Objectives

- To bring about a cultural and behavioural change in recognising and responding to domestic abuse across all Church bodies.
- Ensure the Church is a place where domestic abuse is discussed with Church leaders having a strong mandate to address this issue more proactively.
- Develop an understanding of the importance of healthy relationships and cultures within our Church bodies

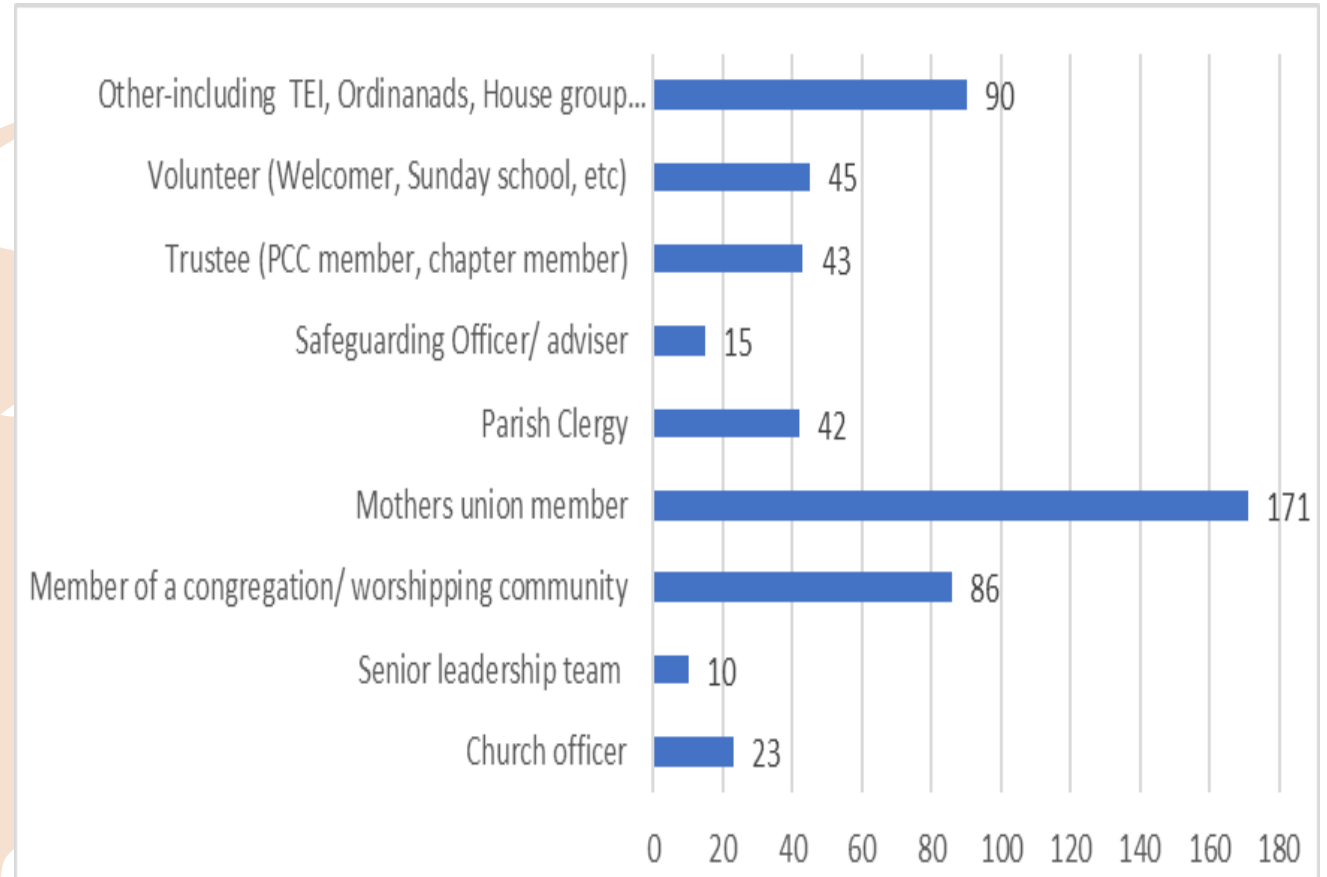


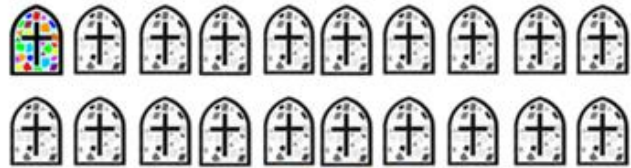
"The purpose of this survey is so that we can notice change and identify the gaps in how we are becoming ever more a Church which reflects God's desire for every unique and precious individual to go on becoming who they fully are in relationship with God and in healthy, respectful relationships with their neighbour, not least within families, households and worshipping communities. Jesus Christ said that he came that we might have life in all its fullness (John 10:10), yet whenever we fail to recognise, name, and address destructive relationship we fail to join in with God's Kingdom work of hope and transformation as we pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as in heaven".

(Bishop Rachel Treweek)

Over the course of May-June:

- 537 responses were received.
- Through partnership with Mothers Union, we gain traction across the country.
- We also included five diocese who shared the survey





1 in 20

people say domestic abuse is spoken about in sermons, worship and prayer

85%

of people state Domestic abuse should be openly spoken about

"I feel that my Church has a 'head in sand' approach. Statistically there must be abuse present in our Church community but I can't see it."



regularly promote and model healthy relationships

prevention: 75% of respondents state they don't talk about, model, or promote healthy relationships.

"There is not enough positive healthy teaching about relationships from Church leaders, particularly the ordained clergy; and rather too much about the subject of abuse"

17 %of respondents feel confident in identifying the signs of DA



feel their church can do more to raise awareness of domestic abuse

feel domestic abuse is present in their church

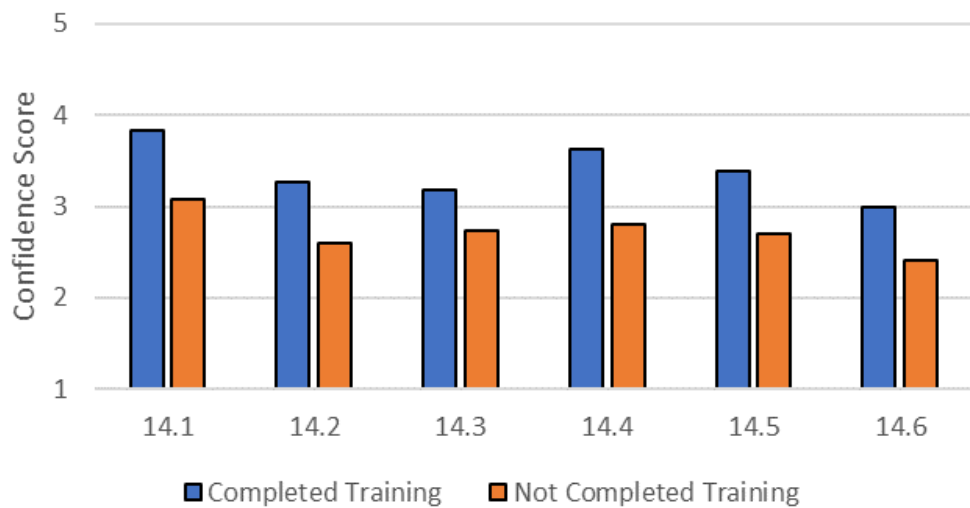
37%



Just over 50% state they work with specialist services



No.	How confident would you be in the following	%Confident	%Not Confident
14.1	Knowing where to find information to support someone experiencing DA.	46%	16%
14.2	Talking about DA in the Church community.	26%	35%
14.3	Recognising signs that someone might be experiencing DA.	17%	25%
14.4	Referring someone who is experiencing DA to support services.	38%	24%
14.5	Identifying concerns which might relate to DA.	26%	26%
14.6	Referring someone who is perpetrating DA to support services.	22%	48%



Data highlights that if we categorise each response into whether individuals' have completed DA training in the past five years, there is a significant impact on how these questions are answered. **In every single variable, those who had completed training were more confident than those who had not** This includes CofE training in addition to any DA training undertaken with external agencies

Recommendations

- Within the next 4 months visual resources need to be available within all Church bodies to ensure they are actively connecting with specialist domestic abuse services, alongside further good practice resources.
- Over the next 12 months all clergy and leaders within Church bodies, including NCI's are required to undertake DA training.
- All Church bodies should seek to appoint a domestic abuse advocate and/or champion to support partnership working and ensure DA is openly addressed.
- In order to support partnership working with specialist services all DSAP's should consider appointing to the panel an individual with professional experience of DA services.
- Over the next 12 months a framework of support, practice and services for clergy spouses and members of the clergy who are victims of DA is to be developed.
- As each aspect of the Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework is reviewed connections should be explicitly made to DA and contextual safeguarding matters.
- Further DA training resources are to be developed to ensure training is widely accessible across our Church bodies, this is to include dialogical training modules.
- To develop a framework of teaching for theological Colleges to include in the syllabus.
- This individual should be appointed separately to the DSA/CSA/ DSO/CSO.