

RE: Youth Endowment Fund Survey of Young People

Dear Colleague,

Overview

As part of the Youth Endowment Fund's Annual Report looking at youth crime and violence, each Violence Reduction Unit is helping to disseminate and promote a survey of young people aged 13 to 17 aimed at understanding their views and experiences of violence. Crest Advisory has been commissioned by YEF to conduct the poll.

The **Youth Endowment Fund** was established in 2019 with a £200m endowment and a ten-year mandate from the Home Office. Its mission is to prevent children and young people from becoming involved in violence, by finding out what works and building a movement to put this knowledge into practice.

Crest Advisory are crime and justice specialists - equal parts research, strategy and communication. From police forces to public inquiries, from tech companies to devolved authorities, they believe all these organisations (and more) have their own part to play in building a safer, more secure society.

Here is the link to the survey:

<https://survey.quenchtec.net/p?qif=7368bf41-f119-4b34-8ae4-3619a58c4d48&qsid=36d26ce1-b245-4e88-adce-1677287ea32b&P0=20&C0=8>

We would appreciate your support in encouraging young people to complete the survey (the link to the survey will be provided to you by the VRU). It should take 10 to 20 minutes to complete. Young people will be asked some sampling questions on their age, gender and where they live before starting the survey and will be asked to finish the survey by answering other demographic questions (young people are assured this is anonymous and are given the option not to answer the latter demographic questions). We recommend that you advise participants to find somewhere they feel comfortable completing the survey, ideally somewhere where they can read and answer the questions without being interrupted.

Managing the consent of the young person

While utmost care has been taken in ensuring a sound ethical basis for the survey, as the adult(s) disseminating the survey to participants, it is important you consider whether the young people are capable, and have sufficient maturity, to be able to consent (freely volunteer) to take part. At the outset, the young person is given an outline of the research being conducted and they are able to choose not to continue with the survey at any point.

Some of the questions will ask young people about their individual experiences of crime and violence. This includes sexual assault, though no explicit language or explanations are used. None of the questions, nor the survey itself, are compulsory - the young person can refuse to answer the survey, as well as skip or 'prefer not to answer' all questions except basic demographic information (age, gender, region) - for certain questions, they will be asked explicitly whether they want to answer the question before they see the detail of it.

Links to support and help services are provided at the beginning and end of the survey, as well as to young people who are not eligible for the survey - we have provided these links below. You may also wish to consider publicising the availability of more localised support services if you think this will be helpful.

Young people will be reminded that their responses to this survey will be anonymous and cannot be traced back to them. They will also be able to opt-out of responding to certain demographic questions that are not required for screening and sampling reasons.

If you have any questions on this, please contact the VRU who will seek advice from Crest. We are happy to help and clarify any issues. The VRU has also been sighted on the full survey and can provide insight into the types of questions being asked.

Thank you for taking the time to support the survey.

Links to support services

- [Childline](#). "Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Childline is free, confidential and available any time, day or night."
- Rape and sexual violence. If you have experienced rape, sexual assault or any type of sexual violence, or you're not sure, these services can offer support. They support people of all genders, including family, friends and supporters as well as survivors.
 - [Rape Crisis England & Wales](#)
 - [Rape Crisis Scotland](#)
 - [Victim Support in Northern Ireland](#)
- The [national domestic abuse helpline](#) for anyone experiencing or worried about domestic abuse
- [ManKind](#) provides an anonymous helpline for male victims of domestic abuse
- Victim Support. These are independent charities supporting people affected by crime in different parts of the UK
 - [England & Wales](#)
 - [Scotland](#)
 - [Northern Ireland](#)
- Crimestoppers: an independent charity that allows you to anonymously report crime. They are not the police, and you don't have to provide any personal information. *You can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or find out more via their [website](#).*