



Dorset Community Action are searching for participants to take part in the Serious Violent Crime Research Project.

You are receiving this flyer to request if you would like to take part in a research project that Dorset Community Action are carrying out on behalf of Dorset Council. This is part of a national initiative, which, once completed, will be presented to the Home Office.

The case studies we collect will have the potential to change policy and will contribute towards the Dorset Serious Violent Crime Strategy. To ensure this strategy meets the needs of those affected, we would like to hear from you directly and to learn about your real lived experience, to better understand the impact the crime had on you and what support was available.

The aims we hope to achieve are:

- Understanding the conditions in place at the time the serious violence happened.
- Knowing if the serious violence was a pattern of behaviour, possibly an escalation of behaviour and offending.
- How experiencing serious violence impacted on the individual emotionally and physically.
- What pre- and post-offence interventions from services were available, accepted, required (or, what wasn't available but needed/wanted).
- Understanding if the overall experience has influenced both current and future behaviour.

The criteria for those willing to take part is over 18 years of age and resident in the Dorset Council area.

We understand this a sensitive subject, please be assured that all staff working on this project are experienced working with, and supporting, survivors of serious crime. Individual meetings will include a conversation in a safe space with myself and one other person of your choosing present if you wish.

All confidentiality and anonymity will be respected.

If you are willing to take part, we can have a telephone call in advance of the meeting, so you feel comfortable having spoken to me first and I can email you the questions I would like to ask in advance, so there are no surprises.

In the first instance, please send your expressions of interest to:
julie.johns@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk

- Tea, coffee, cake, and biscuits will be provided!
- We thank you for showing an interest in taking part.
- All participants will be sent a copy of the final report.

Your support with this project would be much appreciated. Thank you.
Julie Johns, Community Advisor at Dorset Community Action, and
Safe Space Consultancy.



Thank you for reading.
