

Have you ever been the victim of a crime?

Mind's research has shown that people with mental health problems are more likely to be victims of crime and also face significant barriers to reporting crime and accessing justice.

Mind and Victim Support are carrying out some new research in London, with a number of leading London Universities, to explore the rate of victimisation among people with mental health problems, understand their experiences in more detail and look at how things can be improved.

Findings from the research will be used to improve policy and practice in agencies involved in the Criminal Justice System, such as the Police, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Courts.

Do you want to help Mind and Victim Support to influence change?

Victim Support will be interviewing people across London to find out about their experiences of being a victim of crime. The interviews will focus on exploring the actions people take and support they gain after being a victim of crime and also identifying and understanding the barriers people with mental health problems face in gaining justice. People that take part in an interview will also be asked to share ideas and make suggestions for how things could be improved.

We are looking to speak to people who are:

- aged over 18 years
- have been a victim of crime in the last 3 years
- experience mental health problems
- Live in London

The information you share during the interview will remain anonymous and you will receive **£20** for your time. Interviews will be held at your local Mind office or at a Victim Support Office that is close to where you live. This means you won't have to travel far to take part. We will also pay any travel expenses you related to attending the interview.

To find out more, please contact Sian Greenhead at Victim Support via sian.greenhead@victimsupport.org.uk or **020 7268 0222**

More information is available on the Victim Support website:
<http://www.victimsupport.org.uk/mentalhealthandjustice>