



## Referral Guidance for organisations

1. Please ask the person to contact us themselves, as this ensures their interest and commitment.
2. Do not simply refer someone as part of an exit strategy from your service, unless there is a genuine interest from your client.
3. If you feel that someone may have suffered sexual abuse, do not be afraid to enquire before disregarding this. If this is not the case you will cause no injustice or harm.
4. Given the myths and stereotypes surrounding men who have been sexually abused, if someone wishes to disclose to you then do not be afraid to listen to their story. Recognise the enormous risks they are taking.
5. However if someone wishes to speak to Operation Emotion then be sure to let them know that they will never be compelled to tell their story.
6. Survivors of sexual abuse often surround their stories with misplaced guilt and shame and your reassurances about who was responsible is not to be underestimated.
7. If you are contemplating speaking to someone about this for the first time or have doubts about what to do next, then contact us at the enclosed telephone numbers for a discreet discussion.