

MACSAS SURVEY 2010

MACSAS has designed a Survey which it is hoped will be completed by survivors/victims of sexual abuse by ministers, clergy or other church workers.

MACSAS is seeking to establish the prevalence of sexual abuse by ministers, clergy and other church workers within Christian Churches in the UK and the effectiveness of current policies and procedures used within Churches to prevent sexual abuse and exploitation, deal with allegations raised and provide redress for victims. MACSAS is particularly concerned to find out whether victims/survivors have been able to report incidents of clergy or minister sexual abuse or exploitation to church authorities and whether they have been offered support, compensation or other forms of restorative justice within their church communities.

The Church of England carried out a past cases review of all reported incidents of child abuse by clergy in all Dioceses in England & Wales in 2008 – 2009 and a report of its findings is due to go before the House of Bishops in February 2010. Four Roman Catholic dioceses within England and Wales have also carried out past case reviews as of January 2010. The full findings of these reviews are not to be made public for fear of adverse reaction and there has been no policy from the churches to provide support to those victims/survivors identified through the review processes. Further there has been no recognition by Church authority, to date, of the prevalence of and harm caused by, the clergy sexual exploitation and abuse of adults.

MACSAS would like to gather information of the experiences of victims/survivors of clergy and minister abuse and present this to the church and wider public to highlight the scandalous inadequacy of their responses which often leave victims further harmed and traumatised when they report allegations and seek redress and support.

The Survey can be downloaded from our website at www.macsas.org.uk alternatively if you email us on macsas1@hotmail.com a copy can be sent to you; or if you send us a stamped and addressed A5 envelop to **MACSAS PO Box 46933, London E8 1XA** we can send you a copy to fill in and return to us.

Please tell everyone you know of the MACSAS Survey 2010. We want to reach as many survivors as possible. The Survey will run throughout 2010 and the findings from the Survey will be published in 2011.