### **FACT SHEET**

## Improving experiences for victim-survivors:

# Review of criminal justice system responses to sexual offending

The Western Australian Government wants to find out whether our criminal justice processes allow victim-survivors of sexual offending to get justice, support, and outcomes that help them to heal and move forward with their lives.

#### **About the Review**

The Office of the Commissioner for Victims of Crime is reviewing criminal justice system responses to sexual offending. The Review will look at the whole criminal justice process from the time a person reports to the police (or chooses not to report) through to the time an offender is released from custody.

We want to know how the different parts of the criminal justice system are working in practice and what could be done differently or better to improve the experience for victim-survivors.

#### Questions to think about for this consultation

- 1. How can the process for reporting sexual offending be improved for victim-survivors?
- 2. How can the process for investigating sexual offending be improved for victim-survivors?
- 3. How can the court process for sexual offending be improved for victim-survivors?
- 4. What other kinds of justice models could be used to support victim-survivors of sexual offending (e.g. restorative justice, Aboriginal justice)?
- 5. What supports in the criminal justice system would help victim-survivors of sexual offending?
- 6. Is there anything you would like to tell us about your experience in the criminal justice system?

#### How to make your submission

Online: Use QR code here

Email: experiences@justice.wa.gov.au

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Please contact us if you would like to talk about different options for making a submission or participating in the consultation process.

Submissions close Sunday 8 October 2023.

#### For more information

Information and discussion papers at https://consultations.justice.wa.gov.au