

Your response

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<p data-bbox="204 353 636 421">Do you have any comments on our proposals?</p>	<p data-bbox="659 353 1377 651">I'm emailing about a new 38 Degrees campaign set up by Karen Jardine, who works for the Nottingham Sexual Violence Support Services. Together, with nearly 90,000 members of the public, we're calling on all UK TV Networks, Ofcom and DCMS to make sure more robust and consistent support information is made available after TV shows that feature sexual violence - both when aired live, and on catch up websites afterwards.</p> <p data-bbox="659 712 751 741">So far:</p> <ul data-bbox="659 748 1385 1182" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="659 748 1385 815">• 86,047 people have signed Karen's petition for more support to be provided<li data-bbox="659 822 1385 889">• 10,000 members of the public have contacted TV networks<li data-bbox="659 896 1385 999">• Hundreds of people have chipped in to help fund new expert guidelines on when support information should be provided.<li data-bbox="659 1005 1385 1182">• And following that we've commissioned Survivors Voices - a small peer-led organisation who seek to transform society's response to abuse and trauma - to research, consult stakeholders and create a set of survivor-led guidelines <p data-bbox="659 1243 1385 1420">The new guidelines will be ready towards the middle of February. We'll be helping members of the public that have been involved in this campaign so far engage with your current 'Proposed Plan of Work 2020-21' consultation and raise this issue with you.</p> <p data-bbox="659 1480 1385 1711">We're also looking into some polling that identifies how many viewers remember seeing scenes of sexual violence on TV or online and not and whether they remember seeing support offered or feeling affected by the content viewed. I'd be interested to know if there's any additional information or statistics that would help with your decision to adopt these new guidelines?</p> <p data-bbox="659 1771 1385 1904">We would welcome the opportunity to work with you on this issue. If you'd like to meet to discuss the campaign further or have any further questions please don't hesitate to drop me an email at molly.b@38degrees.org.uk</p> <p data-bbox="659 1964 1002 2027">Molly Boydon Campaigner - 38 Degrees</p>

Further information:

Specifically we are asking that UK TV Networks, Ofcom and DCMS:

1. Ensure that links to support information are provided after all programmes containing sexual violence, whether they're shown live, downloaded or streamed on websites or online apps.
2. Set up a written code of ethics so that support information is provided consistently, including instances where sexual violence is hinted at or is less explicit, for example in storylines involving coercion.
3. Ensure that links to support information is similarly provided consistently around other serious issues including domestic violence and suicide.

Having support information available consistently and across all platforms helps people access support when they need it. By not having this information available it can leave viewers unsafe when affected by such content.

- Three quarters of survivors contacting Rape Crisis centres do so over an incident that occurred at least 12 months earlier ^[1]
- It has been shown that where television programmes include storylines on sexual violence, there has been an increase in calls to support helplines. The Rape Crisis Helpline experienced a 132% increase in calls after the showing of Broadchurch ^[2]
- A similar spike in calls to support helplines was experienced following the rape of David Platt in Coronation Street ^[3]
- Whilst terrestrial channels have moved to provide support information, they are inconsistent in their approach and this information is often not available when the same programmes are watched via the internet/download apps.

[Click here to view the petition online in full.](#)

[1] Rape Crisis England and Wales: Rape Crisis England & Wales headline statistics 2018-19:

<https://rapecrisis.org.uk/get-informed/rcew-statistics/>

[2] The Survivors Trust: Broadchurch - impact on survivors and support services:

<https://www.thesurvivorstrust.org/news/broadchurch-and-its-impact-on-survivors-our-support-services>

[3] BBC: Coronation Street male rape scene: Helplines see spike in calls:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-43498590>

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