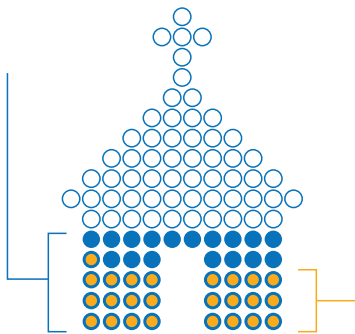


# IN CHURCHES TOO: Church Responses to Domestic Abuse – a case study of Cumbria

Researchers from Coventry University and the University of Leicester asked **438 CHURCHGOERS** in Cumbria, north-west England, how the church was responding to domestic abuse.

**42.2%**

experienced at least one abusive act in a **CURRENT** and/or **PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP**, on at least one occasion



**1 in 4**

of the sample have experienced at least one abusive act in a **CURRENT RELATIONSHIP**

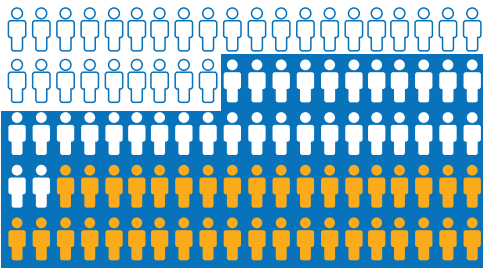


only around

**2 in 7**

**churchgoers**

consider their church to be adequately equipped to deal with a disclosure of domestic abuse



**71.0%**

were aware of domestic abuse in their **COMMUNITY**

**BUT ONLY 37.6%**

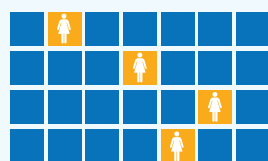
thought it was a problem in their **CHURCH**

## Rates of prevalence for each category of abuse are **higher for women than men**

**WOMEN WERE MORE THAN FOUR TIMES** as likely as men to report having been **SEXUALLY ABUSED** once or more



No men reported being **PHYSICALLY ABUSED** on a weekly basis, whereas **3.2% OF WOMEN** did



**WOMEN WERE ALMOST FOUR TIMES** as likely as men to report experiencing **FINANCIAL ABUSE** several times a year



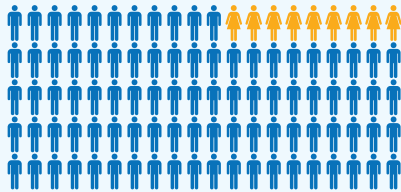
**WOMEN WERE MORE THAN TWICE** as likely as men to report experiencing **SPIRITUAL ABUSE** several times a year



# Experiences of domestic abuse



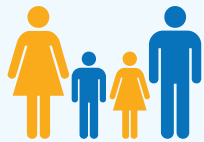
Of those who'd experienced an abusive act, 57.4% of WOMEN considered themselves to have EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC ABUSE compared to only 16.7% of MEN



90.8% of cases involve MALE PERPETRATORS and 9.2% involve FEMALE PERPETRATORS

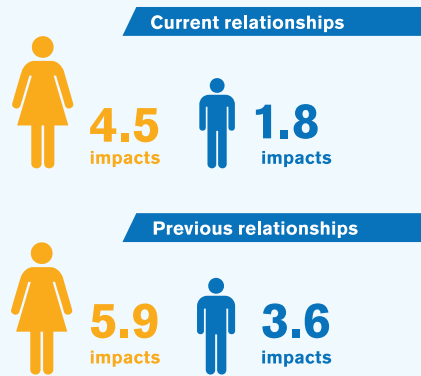


56.7% involve CHRISTIAN PERPETRATORS and 43.3% involve NON-CHRISTIAN PERPETRATORS

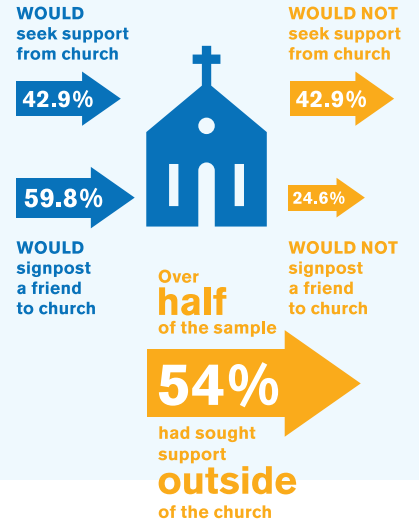


JUST OVER HALF of cases involve families with CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 living at home while the respondent was being abused

# Women typically reported experiencing a higher number of impacts of domestic abuse than men:



# Seeking help from the church for domestic abuse:



# Older people are less likely to report having experienced domestic abuse



# Which of the following are you aware of in your church?

(% of people selecting each option)

