Supporting Victims and Survivors of the Troubles/Conflict in Northern Ireland

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Overview

• Working with Victims: Victims and Survivors Forum

• Psychosocial challenges affecting Victims and Survivors of the Troubles/Conflict

• Services addressing Victim’s Needs

• PEACE IV: Victims Research Programme
Victims and Survivors Forum
Psychosocial challenges affecting Victims and Survivors

- HIIR Processes: past, present and future
- Trans-generational Impact on Mental Health
- Ongoing Paramilitarism
Dealing with the past: what victims and survivors want

**Acknowledgement**
- Implementation and Reconciliation Group
- Oral History Archive

**Truth**
- Independent Commission on Information Retrieval

**Reparation**
- Mental Trauma Service
- Pension for severely injured
- Advocate-counsellor support

**Justice**
- Historical Investigations Unit
Services addressing Victims Needs

- Regional Mental Trauma Network

- PEACE IV funded HWB and Advocacy Case Workers
Victims and Survivors Research Programme (2017-20)

- 3 Research Projects (£250,000)
  - Review of Trauma Services
  - Trans-generational Legacy and Young People
  - Advocacy Support Services

- Outcomes
  - Enhance understanding re continued psychosocial impact of conflict’s legacy on individuals, families and communities
  - Strengthen the evidence base informing future service provision and development
Thank-you!