

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

- **HIR 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!