

Dear Team,

Yesterday evening (Tuesday 14th June), [Radio 4's File on 4 broadcasted a special episode about sibling sexual abuse](#) (SSA). On the programme they debuted two of the National Sibling Sexual Abuse Project's three key reports, all of which are now published [online](#) and accessible to the public and professionals alike.

Although the project (which was funded by the Home Office and Ministry of Justice and hosted by Rape Crisis England and Wales) ended in March 2022, we hope that these reports will continue to assist and support you in providing the best possible support for those affected by SSA, the form of child sexual abuse considered to be most common within the family setting in the UK.

These three reports are as follows and can be accessed on the project's [webpage](#), hosted by Somerset and Avon Rape and Sexual Abuse Support (SARSAS):

[SARSAS Freedom of Information Report](#) – Establishing the prevalence of sibling sexual abuse as reported to and recorded by police forces across England and Wales.

[SARSAS Sibling Sexual Abuse Policy Report](#) – Acknowledge, address and adapt – Closing the gap between sibling sexual abuse as the most common form of child sexual abuse in our homes and the most ignored form of child sexual abuse in the UK.

[SARSAS Sibling Sexual Abuse Professional Survey Report](#) – Awareness and understanding of sibling sexual abuse amongst professionals in frontline sectors in England and Wales.

Once again, we would like to thank you for any involvement you had in supporting this project's work, be that through filling out our national survey, attending our conference or being involved in interviews for the purpose of our research.

As a reminder, if you were unable to attend our conference in February, or would like to rewatch any of the sessions or project films from the day, recordings are still available for you to watch for free [here](#), as well as directions to further evidence and organisations providing guidance on SSA.

Finally, we would encourage you to share this email and these reports as widely as possible. The more professionals we can make aware of this guidance and support, the more we can promote best practice of support for those affected by SSA.

Many thanks,
Abby Noble

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Coronavirus update - SARSAS services are operational and have become virtual in response to the coronavirus pandemic. We have increased our capacity and improved and extended our helpline and e-support. For up-to-date information please see our website homepage - <https://www.sarsas.org.uk/>

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