# **Reviewing the CPS commitment to rape victims**

**Context**

We’ve produced this commitment as part of our RASSO 2025 strategy.

It’s a companion to the CPS guide for victims of rape and serious sexual assault. It’s designed to provide a shorter summary of the commitments we make to rape victims about how we will support them through their case.

It’s available as a webpage and as a downloadable PDF in English, Welsh and easy read versions.

**Questions**

Please use the questions below to frame your review and provide us with feedback.

Where you’ve identified something we need to improve please use specific examples. These help to make it clear what the problem is so we can make the changes we need to.

**Demographic information**

At the end of the questionnaire is an optional section on demographic information – including questions about your age, ethnicity, disability and gender identity as well as the level of experience you have with the criminal justice system.

This section is entirely optional and you don’t have to fill it in if you don’t want to. Any information you provide will help us to understand whether our commitment is meeting the needs of people with different experiences and backgrounds.

We’ll keep any information that you provide in this section confidential and we’ll only use your answers in an anonymised way. You can find out more about how we protect your data in our privacy notice: [cps.gov.uk/privacy-notice-crown-prosecution-service-cps](https://www.cps.gov.uk/privacy-notice-crown-prosecution-service-cps)

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| 1. **We hope that having read the above information you are willing to provide feedback to us and help us provide the best information we can.**   To process your data, we need your consent. Please select your choice below. Select agree if:   * 1. You have read the above information   2. You voluntarily agree to participate   3. You understand that your data will not be attributed to you personally, and will be stored securely |
| □ I agree to take part  □ I do not wish to take part |

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| 1. **Which version of the commitment are you reviewing?** |
| □ Online version  □ English PDF  □ Welsh PDF |

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| 1. **Are you providing your response as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?** |
| □ Individual  □ Organisation (please specify) |

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| 1. **Structure**   We’ve broken the commitment down into different sections following the progress of a case through the criminal justice system and answering the questions that victims might ask at different stages. |
| **Do you think this is the right structure to give people an overview of what to expect?**  **Is there anything you particularly like?**  **Is there anything you think we could improve?** |

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| 1. **Language**   The text is legally and factually accurate but we’ve also tried to strike a balance between using the official language of the justice system and explaining things in language that is clear and easy to understand. |
| **How well do you think we’ve done this on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (excellent).**  **1 2 3 4 5**  **Is there anything you particularly like?**  **Is there anything you think we could improve?** |

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| 1. **Content**   This commitment is designed to give victims and their supporters a short overview of what they can expect from us while they’re going through a criminal case. |
| **How well do you think it does this on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (excellent).**  **1 2 3 4 5**  **Does the information strike the right balance with providing victims with the information they need without overwhelming them?**  **Is there anything you think we could cut out to make it shorter?** (We’ve got more information in the guide for victims)  **Is there anything missing?** |

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| 1. **Accessibility and other formats**   We’ve produced an online version of the commitment as well as a downloadable PDF in English and. Following the consultation, we plan to provide the final commitment in easy read and in the following languages:  Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (traditional), French, Gujarati, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Spanish, Urdu and BSL. |
| **Are there any other languages or formats you think we should consider and why? Please be specific about the audiences you think would use these formats.** |

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| 1. **Any other comments** |
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| 1. **We might have follow-up questions based on your feedback. If you’re happy for us to contact you about these please leave your name, organisation (if applicable) and your contact details below.** |
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| **Demographic information** |
| **1.** **What experience do you have of the criminal justice system? (tick all that apply)** □ I’ve been a victim of rape or serious sexual assault. (I reported it to the police)  □ I’ve been a victim of rape or serious sexual assault. (I didn’t report it to the police)  □ I’ve supported a family member or friend who has been a victim of rape or serious sexual assault  (that was reported to the police).  □ I’ve supported a family member or friend who has been a victim of rape or serious sexual assault  (that was not reported to the police).  □ I am or have been a criminal lawyer  □ I work or have worked for another criminal justice agency  □ I have worked or volunteered for a support agency  □ I’ve been involved in another way (Please describe)  □ I have no experience of the criminal justice system  □ Prefer not to say **2.** **What is your age range?** □ 24 and under  □ 25 – 34  □ 35 – 44  □ 45 – 54  □ 55-64  □ 65+  □ Prefer not to say **3. What is your sex?** □ Male  □ Female  **4. Is your gender the same as the sex you were registered at birth?**  □ Yes  □ No (Please specify) **5. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?** □ Straight/Heterosexual  □ Gay or Lesbian  □ Bisexual  □ Other sexual orientation (please describe) **6. What is your ethnic group?** Choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background  White  □ English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British  □ Irish  □ Gypsy or Irish Traveller  □ Roma  □ Any other White background, please describe   * Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups   □ White and Black Caribbean  □ White and Black African  □ White and Asian  □ Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background, please describe   * Asian/Asian British   □ Indian  □ Pakistani  □ Bangladeshi  □ Chinese  □ Any other Asian background, please describe   * Black/ African/Caribbean/Black British   □ African  □ Caribbean  □ Any other Black/African/Caribbean background, please describe   * Other ethnic group   □ Arab  □ Any other ethnic group, please describe  □ Prefer not to say   **7.** **Do you consider yourself to be disabled?** □ Yes  □ No  □ Prefer not to say |