
Dear Merrin,

I have already sent through to Natalie the Reports from the 2000 research I did with OWN, and some work I did with The Benevolent Society, *Survival is Not Enough: Report for Professionals and the Benevolent Society Research to Practice Briefing*, *Caring for Older Australians: Care workers and care practices that support and enable good care*, in response to the highlighted request in the transcript. I have reattached these documents, just FYI.

I do not seem to have an electronic copy (there must be one somewhere!) of the most important resource, the booklet of older women's stories, also called Older Women Speak Up. I will post through a hard copy to you.

The thesis I was referring to was by Joyce Westerman, *It's Never Too Late: Older Women and Sexual Violence: The Search for Therapeutic Solutions*, submitted in 2013. Would you like me to do a search for research from 2013-2016 and update the international research on Older Women and Sexual Violence?

I realise I cannot alter the transcript, but just wanted to clarify the following:

we have no counselling services at all for older women as a result of sexual abuse..

What I meant was, there are no *specialised* counselling services for older women who have been sexually abused, services that will provide specific and appropriate counselling for older women who have been sexually abused. The research tells us that older women are carrying and dealing with the trauma of abuse across the lifespan, including childhood sexual abuse

There are, of course, counselling services that older women can access, along with all women.

However, the statistics show that very few older women access these services.

All the best.

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