

Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Violence: Guidance for Staff

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60-90 minutes of online content

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Support your staff to handle disclosures of sexual violence in line with best practice and to respond to individuals empathetically and appropriately.

A student can make a disclosure to **any member of staff** from a wide range of roles and departments. Both institutions and those involved are at risk unless the disclosure is appropriately handled.

Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Violence is an **international collaboration** of universities to develop an interactive online course which will ensure **all staff** provide a consistent response.

The online course will:

- Efficiently and effectively **scale up training** on how to respond to disclosures across the institution.
- Provide **consistent training** across different staff roles and departments meaning the institution provides a consistent response to sexual assault disclosures.
- Ensure all staff are **confident** in responding to disclosures in line with institutional policy.
- **Avoid mishandling** that could compromise any investigations or expose the institution to legal action or reputational damage.



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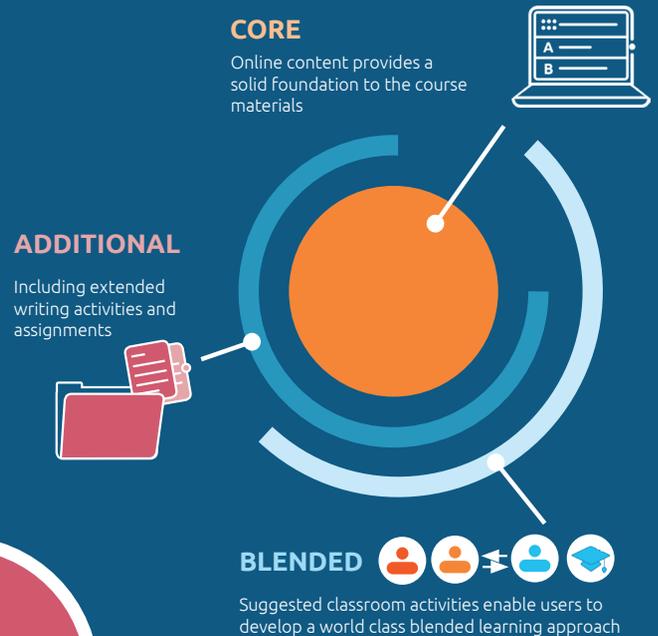
Benefits of joining the collaboration:

- You will receive a campus-wide unlimited licence in perpetuity for your institution – with anytime, anywhere access.
- Agree the course curriculum with authors and peer-review the materials as they are developed.
- Participation in the course launch workshop.
- Potential opportunity for your staff to appear in the course videos.
- Access to premium, interactive content at a speed, quality and level of investment that is unachievable for any single institution.
- Full technical support and implementation training to assist you in getting started or customising the content.
- **Ensure all staff are appropriately trained to respond to disclosures of sexual violence.**

Epigeum pedagogical approach

Epigeum online courses are created through the collaboration of leading universities and shared by subscription - joining the collaboration enables universities to secure high-quality content at a fraction of the cost of developing the material in-house.

Our courses are designed to be inspirational and transformative whether delivered stand-alone, tutor-supported, or fully blended.



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I strongly believe that the time for universities to take a leadership role on combatting sexual violence is very overdue. We owe it to our students and our colleagues to ensure that this area of safety and well-being is taken as seriously as other areas.

With students demanding action over the last few years and the government enquiry led by Universities UK due to report in Autumn 2016, now is the time to embrace change and create a better academic environment.

The times when sexual violence in our communities could be brushed under the carpet as 'not our place to act' have gone.

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Including the following modules:
Setting the context
An understanding of sexual assault
Understanding and supporting the individual
How to respond to a disclosure