Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Violence

Support staff and student leaders to handle disclosures of sexual violence in line with best practice and institutional policy

*Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Violence* is an online course which will ensure all university staff and student leaders provide a consistent response across an institution.

Developed in collaboration with an international range of higher education experts and professional practitioners, this course provides uniquely high-quality, interactive and comprehensive training on the first response to disclosures. The course empowers participants from a wide range of roles and departments to manage this sensitive and complex issue, providing them with the skills to respond appropriately, empathetically, and confidently.
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 wellbeing is taken as seriously as other areas.

Professor Nicole Westmarland, Lead Advisor

Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Violence will:

- Efficiently and effectively **scale up training** on how to respond to disclosures across the institution
- Ensure institutions provide a **consistent response** to disclosures
- Help avoid mishandling that could compromise any investigations or expose the institution to legal action and reputational damage
- Ensure staff are **confident in responding** to disclosures in line with best practice and institutional policy
- Demonstrate commitment to promoting change and complement the Universities UK Taskforce recommendations for responding to sexual violence in universities.

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- Charles Sturt University
- University of Greenwich
- University of East Anglia
- University of Newcastle, Australia

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**Modules include:**

1. Setting the context
2. Understanding sexual violence
3. Understanding and supporting survivors
4. Steps to take when responding

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**Featuring:**

- Interactive comprehension activities
- Scenario-based activities
- Animations
- Video interviews
- A role play with professional practitioners
- Customisable content