**JOB DESCRIPTION**
Vacancy Ref: A3321

**Job Title:** RESEARCH ASSOCIATE – Impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on criminal justice journeys of adult and child survivors of sexual abuse, rape, and sexual assault.

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**Department/College:** Law School

**Directly responsible to:** Dr Siobhan Weare

**Supervisory responsibility for:** N/A

**Other contacts**

**External:**
- Research team – Dr Lorna O’Doherty, Coventry University; Professor Vanessa Munro, University of Warwick; Dr Emma Sleath, University of Leicester; Dr Michelle Cutland, University Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust.
- Project partners – Avon and Somerset Police, the Judiciary, the Survivors Trust, the Male Survivors Partnership.
- Members of project advisory board.

We are seeking to appoint an experienced researcher to work on a UKRI-ESRC Covid-19 Rapid Response funded project that focuses on understanding the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on criminal justice journeys of adult and child survivors of sexual abuse, rape, and sexual assault. The research will draw on the perspectives and experiences of complainants and their families, as well as criminal justice practitioners, including the police, Crown Prosecution Service, HM Courts and Tribunals Service, the Judiciary, Sexual Assault Referral Centres, and Independent Sexual Violence Advisors. In doing so this research will provide unique insights into the impact of the pandemic on the criminal justice system in sexual offences cases. The research will also identify changes to procedures and policies precipitated by Covid-19 that might offer longer-term benefits for survivors and stakeholders in sexual offences cases, and we aim to consider and promote their wider implementation where appropriate.

**Major Duties:**

1. To work with the research team and project partners to arrange and conduct interviews (remotely via telephone or video-conferencing apps) with survivors of sexual abuse, rape, and sexual assault, and criminal justice practitioners including the Crown Prosecution Service and the Judiciary.

2. To support the transcription of interviews and to review transcripts for quality and accuracy.

3. To analyse and interpret qualitative data using appropriate research methods and software packages (e.g. NVivo).

4. To ensure data is appropriately stored and maintained in line with research governance practices.
5. To keep detailed records of research activities (e.g. research diary).

6. To attend regular meetings specific to the project and provide regular feedback to the research team on project milestones.

7. To liaise with and develop relationships with key external stakeholders and networks.

8. To collaborate with the research team on the dissemination of research findings through a variety of methods, including presentations, research reports, and academic outputs.

9. To abide by the University’s code of ethics and practice guidelines.