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## FOI Response

### Information provided under the Freedom of Information Act

#### Freedom of Information Request

#### FOI Reference:

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#### Date of Response:

08/04/2022

#### Information Requested:

1. **Question:**

What road victims support services do you offer?

**OPCC Response:**

Road Victims Trust – The PCC commissions the Road Victims Trust who provide the emotional and practical support needed by victims through the formal legal processes that take place following fatal and life changing road collisions. The Road Victims Trust are a local charity who work directly with the police to ensure support is available to all victims. Further information can be found on the Road Victims Trust website, at the following link: [Road Victims Trust - Supporting the victims of serious road collisions \(rvtrust.org.uk\)](https://www.rvtrust.org.uk)

Victim and Witness Hub – The PCC funds a Victim and Witness Hub who offer victims and witnesses of crime telephone-based emotional support, onward referral, supportive signposting, or face to face support, from in-house Community Volunteers.

2. **Question:**

Who provides your road victims support services?

**OPCC Response:**

The bereaved families of road traffic incidents, or people who have received life changing injuries, can access support from the Road Victims Trust which is funded by the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Victims of road crime or incidents which have been defined as a crime can access support from the Cambridgeshire Victim and Witness Hub. This is a universal referral and support service which accepts self-referrals.

3. **Question:**

Who is eligible for road victim support?

**OPCC Response:**

As above the Road Victims Trust provides support to bereaved families and victims with life changing injuries.

The Victim and Witness Hub will support any victim of road crime whatever the nature of the injuries.

4. **Question:**

What number/percentage of road victims receive road victims support?

**OPCC Response:**

Forty people accepted support from the Road Victims Trust in 2020/21.

Twenty-nine people continued to receive support having been referred prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

However, this service is offered to all people involved in any fatal crash and may include witnesses.

5. **Question:**

What number/percentage of road victims do not take up an offer of road victims support?

**OPCC Response:**

The OPCC does not hold this information.

You may wish to contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary, which is a separate organisation to the OPCC and is treated as such under the Act. You can contact the Cambridgeshire Constabulary by email at [foi@cambs.police.uk](mailto:foi@cambs.police.uk)

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