

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER EXPERIENCES OF CRIME AND JUSTICE SINCE THE 1960S

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RESEARCH PROGRESS

36/40 Oral Histories With Community Members 	Archival <u>Analysis</u> 	50/60 Interviews with Professionals 	18/40 Oral Histories With Serving Prisoners and People on Probation 	30/400 Surveys With Community Members
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ORAL HISTORIES

We have been conducting oral history interviews with **community members**, primarily from Romany Gypsy and Irish Traveller communities (with a small number of Showmen and New Travellers).

We are mid-way through conducting oral histories with **prisoners and those on probation**.

These will be important for learning more about how crime victimisation and offending affects communities, and how communities feel they are treated by the police, courts and prisons.

SURVEY

This **confidential survey** will start in April 2023. This will ask Gypsies and Travellers about their experiences of crime as **victims** because no information is currently available on this (even though we know how white (British), Black and Asian people are affected by crime as **victims** and **offenders**). There will also be questions about **racism and discrimination**, and **offending**.



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PROFESSIONAL INTERVIEWS

We are interviewing **professionals** who have worked with Gypsies and Travellers. So far, we've talked to professionals working in **policing, education and healthcare**. We've also interviewed professionals in **local authority housing and planning departments**, and we've talked with **Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officers**, and **journalists**. These interviews will help us to better understand the needs of Gypsy and Traveller communities in relation to victim and justice services, and to give us insights into respectful working practices.