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### Results from Northern Ireland

247 children took part and they were aged between 9 and 16 years. Please note that percentages presented in the following tables will not always add to 100% due to rounding.

**Table 1: Age of respondents**

	Number*	%
9	2	1
10	77	31
11	3	1
14	57	23
15	103	42
16	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>100</b>

\*2 children did not answer

**Table 2: Gender of respondents**

	Number	%
Male	115	47
Female	117	48
Neither	8	3
I don't want to say	6	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>100</b>

\*1 child did not answer

**Table 3: Examples of violence**

Which of the following do you think are examples of violence?				
	Yes %	No %	Don't know %	Total %
A child being physically hit or punished	80	15	6	100
A child not being looked after properly	43	43	14	100
A child being called names or made fun of	46	44	10	100
A child being touched somewhere that makes them feel uncomfortable	66	26	7	100
A child being used (or forced) to make money	61	27	12	100

**Table 4: Examples of violence children are likely to experience**

Which of these do you think children are likely to experience?			
	Ticked %	Not ticked %	Total %
A child being physically hit or punished	67	33	100
A child not being looked after properly	49	51	100
A child being called names or made fun of	72	28	100
A child being touched somewhere that makes them feel uncomfortable	36	64	100
A child being used (or forced) to make money	33	67	100
I don't know	13	87	100

**Table 5: What respondents would do if they ever experienced violence**

If you ever experienced harm (violence) what do you think you would be most likely to do?		
	Number*	%
Keep quiet about it (not tell)	16	7
Defend myself physically	65	28
Defend myself verbally (with words)	22	9
Tell someone or ask for help	116	50
I don't know	11	5
Something else	4	2
Total	234	100

\* 13 respondents did not select any answer or ticked more than one answer

**Table 12: What respondent thinks are the best ways children can learn how to get information or help if they are experiencing violence**

What are the best ways children can learn how to get information or help if they are experiencing violence or harm?*			
	Strongly agree or agree (%)	Neither agree nor disagree (%)	Disagree or strongly disagree (%)
Taught in school by teachers	82	13	5
Taught in school but not by teachers	68	21	11
Social media sites like Facebook or Instagram	34	28	39
Friends and peer groups	41	34	25
Website where you can look up information	59	24	18
Website where you can put in your problem and get advice back	59	19	22
Leisure time activity clubs like sports, music, arts, youth club	52	29	20
Magazines, leaflets, posters	44	32	24

\* For each question, approximately 8/9 children did not answer that question

**Table 14: Who respondent thinks is the best type of person to help children if they are experiencing violence**

Who do you think would be the best type of person to help children if they are experiencing violence or harm?*					
	Not important at all %	A bit important %	Important %	Very important %	Don't know %
Someone who is patient	6	16	29	42	8
Someone who would keep things private if they can	4	11	31	48	6
Someone who can help to get it stopped	1	5	17	72	5
Someone who listens and takes children and young people seriously	1	6	20	69	3
Someone who gives clear information	2	8	47	39	4
Someone who is trained in how to talk to and work with children and young people	1	10	28	58	2
Someone who makes children and young people aware of all the possible ways the situation might turn out	4	10	43	36	7
Someone who believes what children and young people say	2	10	29	56	4
Someone who involves children and young people in decisions that are made about them	4	8	34	44	10

\* For each question, approximately 8/9 children did not answer that question