

Pre-awareness day survey of CSN Members



- Survey respondents
 - 67 Responses to the survey
 - 67% below the age of 50, non in under 22 category
 - 50% male and 50% female responses
- Overall a reasonably representative cross section of the community
- Survey results
 - Over 80% felt relationships not given a high enough priority
 - 80% felt the community did not have an adequate response to issues of sexuality
 - Less than 20% felt our community responded with sensitivity and care to these issues



Do you think the importance of personal relationships is given adequate priority within the Christadelphian community?

Yes	16.%
	10
–No	84%
	53
Total	63

'The ideals are dealt with but not the reality'



Do you think our community has an appropriate response to the issues of sexuality in our society?

Yes	19%
	12
-No	81%
	51
Total	63

'its rarely talked about'



If you have any personal experience of dealing with matters of sexuality in our community, how do you rate the support given?

Sensitive and caring	19%
	7
–acceptable	22%
	8
–poor	59%
	21
	36

Total

‘our community as a whole would prefer to think everything is OK’

Do you feel guilt or shame for past weakness or failures

Yes	72%
	37
-No	28.%
	14
Total	51

Do you find that your sexual needs and expectations are not being met by your partner?

Yes	33%
	15
-No	67%
	30
	45

Total

Apologies for the double negative in the question but respondents recognised this as their comments show

'No and its tearing me apart'

Summary

- We are not giving personal relationships a high enough priority
 - Over 70% of respondents felt guilt or shame for past issues
- Main issues identified
 - Growing number of single Christadelphians
 - Unmarried, divorced, separated,
 - Preparation for marriage inadequate
 - Sexual expectations within marriage not being met
 - More care in how we deal with problems of divorce, infidelity, sex outside marriage
 - Our response to homosexuality
 - The 'ideals' are dealt with but not the 'reality'
 - The need for more openness, discussion and compassion