

In a blog today, the Archbishop of Canterbury says the time has come when, as a society, we say that those who are abused are never at fault.

"As a society we have to get to the point where we realise that abuse is above all an issue of power, the perversion of power not to do good but to do grievous harm, and to meet some terrible need within the abuser," writes Archbishop Justin.

"It is never the fault of the person abused, the survivor. They will bear the damage; theirs will be often a sense of guilt which they have to work through with counselling and psychological support for years, sometimes for the rest of their lives. It affects them in all sorts of ways too terrible to describe."

Read the full blog: <http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/blog.php/21/survivors-of-abuse-are-never-the-ones-to-blame>

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