

# National Homicide Service

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# Our experience: We were integral in rebuilding the Cumbria community affected by the shootings in June 2010

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The Homicide service had been launched only 2 months prior to the shootings that took place in Cumbria on 2nd June 2010.

*We mobilised a dedicated team who took up residence in Cumbria to provide immediate support. This allowed the police to concentrate on the investigative requirements of a mass fatality (30+ crime scenes, victim identification, investigative tasks, community reassurance)*

12 Murder victims

36 people bereaved (response from the Homicide Service)

1 Suicide victim

24 people injured (response provided by local Victim Support staff and volunteers)

7 Homicide Service Case Workers deployed to Cumbria

3 office-based staff (including a Team leader)



The impact of bereavement through homicide has a ripple effect across communities



**Our research demonstrates the devastating impact of homicide on all aspects on an individuals life**



Sample :

- 88 questionnaires at the beginning of support
- 2 questionnaires when support finishes

## Meet Dave, Alli and Carol, the Murder Workers

The Murder Workers:  
Cutting Edge  
on Channel 4



[Laura Richards@laurarichards99](#)

Amazing families. Thank you for sharing. Well done [@VictimSupport](#) So important to highlight devastating impact of murder [#Murderworkers](#)

[Nick Robertson@moniesoffun](#)

[#murderworkers](#) on C4 utterly heart breaking, so so sad yet inspiring. What an amazing and difficult job [@victimsupport](#) do. Huge respect.

[Rachael Stevenson@rachxstevenson](#)

The work [@VictimSupport](#) do is amazing [#murderworkers](#) would love to volunteer and be a part of their team! Amazing!!

“ I think it is absolutely marvellous what you people do. There is no way I could have got through this without your support and I really mean that. I mean it from the bottom of my heart. I am so thankful for all that has been done for me and I think it is really important that this service is available to people in my position. You have helped me with absolutely everything. I am very passionate about this. People simply do not realise what it is like to go through what I have experienced. You have no idea until it happens to you. I can't thank your organisation enough for what has been done for me. I will never forget it”.

