



Anova: A Future Without Violence  
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Anova stands strong in support of survivors as London Police announce charges laid in Hockey Canada sexual assault investigation.

London, Ontario – Anova is committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for survivors of sexual assault, and today we are pleased to see significant steps forward in the pursuit of justice. We are reassured that the London Police Service, in their re-opening of a sexual assault case, has found evidence to pursue charges against five hockey players.

Our organization stands firmly alongside survivors of sexual assault. We understand the courage it takes to speak out and want to assure victims that you are not alone. Anova is here to provide support, resources and advocacy throughout your journey toward healing and justice.

In the 5 years since this sexual assault report, we have seen considerable progress in how London Police Service approaches investigating sexual assault cases. London Police has implemented a process where all cases that do not proceed with charges undergo review by the Victim Advocate Case Review Committee. Investigations have improved in terms of thoroughness and documentation, incorporating trauma and violence-informed approaches. Efforts continue to be made to foster a more supportive and welcoming environment for survivors who choose to pursue criminal justice.

We encourage our community to rally behind survivors and embrace a culture of kindness. Instead of casting judgement, let us offer support and compassion to those who have endured the trauma of sexual assault. It is crucial to remember that our collective strength lies in our ability to join together against injustice and create a community where survivors can heal and thrive.

For more information about Anova and the services we provide, please visit [www.anovafuture.org](http://www.anovafuture.org) or contact our 24 hours Crisis and Support Line at 519-642-3000.

About Anova:

*Anova combines over 80 years of experience and expertise in ending gender and sexual based violence in London & Middlesex County with a primary focus on education, advocacy, shelter and counselling, offering a broad continuum of services for survivors of sexual violence and domestic violence by operating: 2 high security shelters for women and their children; a second stage 25 unit rent-geared-to-income apartment complex; a 24-hour Crisis and Support Line and walk-in crisis support; Sexual Assault Counselling; Community Outreach Program; Public Education Program; Family Court Support Program; Community Group Children's Program for children witnessing violence in their homes; Peer Support Programs, and a social enterprise, "Mine 101".*

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