

Helping
professionals
tackle and
prevent the
sexual abuse of
children

Child sexual abuse material and online grooming: new threats through new technologies

# Understanding child sexual abuse and the internet

Do you need to know more about internet offenders and the risks they pose? Are internet offenders a direct risk to children?

The exponential rise in the number of individuals known to be accessing Child Sexual Abuse Material on the internet and contacting children for sexual purposes either online or using mobile phones, offers new and substantial challenges to those working in child or public protection. Our training offers professionals who have direct responsibility for the assessment and management of internet offenders and those whose work brings them into contact with internet offenders, an opportunity to consider those issues and how those threats might be addressed and managed.



Our sessions will benefit social workers, offender managers, police officers and probation officers working with internet offenders who are concerned with their assessment and management, as well as others who need to be aware of the risks internet offenders present and how to manage their risk, such as health workers, faith communities, community groups and those responsible for housing.

### How will this help?

Our tailor made training sessions help participants understand the drivers and motives of individuals using the internet to engage in child sexual exploitation, be that by accessing Child Sexual Abuse Material, or by grooming children online.

Our sessions can be adapted to meet the needs of those who want to better understand internet offenders, as well as those who need to enhance and develop existing knowledge.

We provide a range of services from training and development to specialist case advice and programmes of direct work with internet offenders and their families. These include our psycho-educational courses (Inform, Inform Plus and Inform Young People) the Stop it Now! confidential helpline (0808 1000 900), the self-help website (get-help.stopitnow.org.uk), and a computer monitoring service for use as part of risk management.

Please visit our website for more details on how we can work with you to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse: www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk

#### LFF Professional Training

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation offers a range of courses from general understanding of sexual offenders and internet offenders, for those who may deal with sex offenders as part of their work, to advanced training in assessment and risk management for professionals working directly with sex offenders.



#### Bespoke training

Each course is tailored to your specific professional requirements, the details of which can be found overleaf.



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#### Course details

Based on experience, research and current practice, our training offers a clear foundation upon which to build your knowledge and skills.



Whilst all the training we deliver includes practical exercises supported by research – we only deliver training which will benefit you, your organisation and your staff, so we work with you to create a package tailored to your context and your needs.

To discuss your training requirements, contact the Training Coordinator on 01527 591 922 or email training@lucyfaithfull.org.uk



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Based on research about offending and the risk of reoffending, our range of bespoke courses provide a better understanding of:

- The different types of internet abuser and their characteristics
- The apparent psychological similarities and differences between internetonly and contact offenders
- The different motivations for internet offending
- Research on recidivism and 'cross over'
- Assumptions and biases in the assessment of internet offenders
- Understanding and managing specific risks.

We also provide a greater awareness of the range of possible responses when internet offending comes to light and how best to respond.

Drawing upon current research and our own treatment work with internet offenders and their families, our course facilitators explore:

- Context setting: pornography and the internet
- Models to help understand sexually abusive behaviour, both in 'online' and 'offline' contexts
- Risk assessment and risk management issues.

Throughout, you will be given the opportunity to explore and discuss the issues related to your work situation using your own case examples and practice.

#### Attendees told us:

"Anyone working with children and young adults should do this course. Trainer very knowledgeable."

"Helped to remove some myths/pre-conceptions regarding internet offenders, their risks and sexual interests."

"Excellent training, very relevant and helpful in my practice. Interesting research and well presented. Really enjoyed this training - would like more of the same."

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