



# Working with Public Protection Professionals

To reduce the risk of sexual offending



Providing you  
with specialist  
assessment,  
intervention,  
training &  
consultancy

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is a child protection charity working to reduce the risk of children being sexually abused.

Our work within the criminal justice system includes specialist risk assessment and risk management support to the Police, NOMS and MAPPA. We also provide direct work with young people in custody through our contractual arrangement with the Youth Justice Board.

Our services include a comprehensive range of professional training courses, advice on specific public protection cases and interventions concerning child sexual abuse on the internet.

[www.lucyfaithfull.org](http://www.lucyfaithfull.org)

# Managing Male and Female Sex Offenders

We help police and probation officers with their assessment and risk management of offenders, through a range of specialist services and innovative approaches.

## Offender management

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We work with offender managers to deliver effective assessment, intervention and on-going risk management, through:

- Programmes for delivery by offender managers with support from LFF staff
- Intervention with offenders on short licences and 18-20 year olds ineligible for group programmes
- Specialist assessment and intervention plans for offenders with complex issues, such as learning difficulties and post traumatic stress disorder
- Advice and support to hostel staff managing offenders on a daily basis.

For the Police, we assist officers with:

- Risk assessment and management advice on MAPPA level 3 offenders
- Risk assessment reports for SOPO and ROSHO applications.

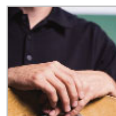
We also work with female sexual offenders to develop individually tailored supervision packages as part of a community order or as a licence requirement, in collaboration with individual prisons and Approved Premises.

In addition, we work with young people in Young Offenders Institutions who are serving sentences for sexual offences through a scheme funded by the Youth Justice Board.

## Professional training courses

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Our training for police officers and offender managers ranges from a foundation course in working with sexual offenders to skills development in the management of deviant sexual fantasy.



### Understanding Child Sexual Abusers

This course provides an overview of the nature and prevalence of child sexual abuse in the UK.

It explores the frameworks used to understand abusive behaviour and how you can apply these in practice. It also explains methods for the risk assessment, treatment and management of offenders in the criminal justice and child protection systems.



### Investigating Sexual Abuse Cases

This one-day workshop is intended for police officers involved in the investigation of sexual offences. It explores different types of sexual offending, including internet offending, and the main models used to explain them. It also looks at typical offender characteristics and the risk factors to be considered related to reoffending.

Our courses combine current research with years of clinical experience working with sex offenders, victims and their families. Each course is offered either as a study day for individuals (in Birmingham, Bristol and Surrey) or as group training courses for public protection agencies.

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For advice about male services, call Alice Newman on 01372 847 160 and for female services call Sheila Brotherston on 01527 591 922

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For further course details, contact our training coordinator on 01527 591 922 or email [training@lucyfaithfull.org](mailto:training@lucyfaithfull.org)

# Internet Offenders and their Families

We offer services and educational programmes to those arrested, cautioned or convicted for internet offences, their partners and adult family members.

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## Internet offender programmes

We run a 10-week group programme for internet offenders, called Inform Plus, which gives men arrested on suspicion of downloading child pornography access to an educational programme while they are on bail.

Our Inform course provides practical advice and support for the partners, relatives and close friends of men who have been arrested, cautioned or convicted for internet offences, helping them to begin to plan for the future.

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## Risk management using computer monitoring

Securus is a computer monitoring system, which enables police officers to manage the computer activity of sex offenders or others who pose a risk to public protection.

The software is installed on an offender's home computer and captures inappropriate material or behaviour. This includes website visits which might indicate a concern, chat room conversations that contain grooming phrases or prohibited contact with a named individual. Visual evidence is taken of each incident, alerting officers to potential abuses and risks while holding offenders accountable for their actions.



Securus is available to public protection agencies for use in individual cases, with monitoring provided by trained staff at the Lucy Faithfull Foundation.

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To find out more about these programmes, call us on 01372 847 160 or email [help@stopitnow.org.uk](mailto:help@stopitnow.org.uk)

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## Professional training courses

We offer a number of specialist courses concerning sex offending and the internet.



### Internet Offenders and Public Protection

Based on recent research, this course looks at the potential links between online and offline offending and the different types of internet offender. It also considers appropriate strategies for interim and long-term risk management as well as practical steps for engaging offenders (and other family members) in addressing inappropriate and illegal internet use.



### Child Sexual Abuse and the Internet

The growth of the internet has seen the emergence of new types of sexual offending. This course provides an insight into how the internet is used in sexually abusive behaviour and the practical ways in which risks can be assessed. It includes intervention methods you can use with internet offenders and their families.

Courses combine current research with years of clinical experience working with sex offenders, victims and their families. Each course is offered either as a study day for individuals (in Birmingham, Bristol and Surrey) or as a group training course for your organisation.

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For further details of these courses, contact our training coordinator on 01527 591 922 or email [training@lucyfaithfull.org](mailto:training@lucyfaithfull.org)

## Further resources

### Stop it Now! UK & Ireland

Stop it Now! UK & Ireland is a child sexual abuse prevention campaign, which aims to inform and support all adults to play their part in prevention.



In addition to a confidential helpline and our website [www.stopitnow.org.uk](http://www.stopitnow.org.uk), we provide posters, leaflets and postcards with information and advice for professionals, parents and other adults. These cover information about preventing child sexual abuse and warning signs to look out for; normal and problematic sexual behaviour in children and young people; sexual risks and the new technologies. These are available free of charge.

The Stop it Now! Helpline - 0808 1000 900 - offers confidential information, advice and support to adults concerned about the risk of child sexual abuse, whether as a result of their own sexual interests and behaviour or the interests and behaviour of another adult or young person. It is also available to child protection professionals seeking advice on the handling of individual cases, as well as to survivors of sexual abuse.

If you are looking for advice, contact Stop it Now! on 0808 1000 900 or email [help@stopitnow.org.uk](mailto:help@stopitnow.org.uk)

### Specialist Websites

#### SMART Enough? - [www.smartenough.co.uk](http://www.smartenough.co.uk)

Helps parents and carers protect their children from child sex offenders by dispelling common myths about offenders and arms them with sound information. The site offers a better understanding of how convicted sex offenders are monitored on release by the police, probation and other statutory bodies, alongside charities and specialist organisations in the voluntary sector.

#### The CROGA website - [www.croga.org](http://www.croga.org)

Provides free, anonymous self-help resources for people worried about their use of child pornography. The site provides information about sexual abuse images and the law and helps users identify and explore their problematic internet use. It teaches techniques to help cope with difficult emotions and thoughts and ultimately assists in achieving a change in behaviour.

### Circles of Support and Accountability

Circles consist of groups of volunteers, supported by professional staff, who encourage offenders to develop healthy adult relationships and successfully reintegrate into society.

Each Circle contributes to offender rehabilitation by providing support to offenders while holding them accountable for their actions. Circles are available to offender managers and public protection agencies to help reduce the social isolation of offenders, which is often associated with reoffending.

To find out more about Circles, email Simon Sauze at [ssauze@lucyfaithfull.org](mailto:ssauze@lucyfaithfull.org) or call 01372 847 160