



The Lucy Faithfull Foundation and Stop It Now! helpline

Clinical services brochure

About us

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is a child protection charity. Since 1992, we have used our extensive knowledge of child sexual abuse – including the behaviour of people who abuse, prevention theory and practice – to deliver targeted evidence-based interventions that keep children safe.

We work with entire families that have been affected by sexual abuse including: children and young people with inappropriate sexual behaviours; adult males and females who have (or are alleged to have) sexually abused children; victims and survivors of abuse; and other family members. We offer specialist services for men and women who have offended online, and for the adults around them.

Drawing on our expert knowledge, we offer a broad range of services for professionals and members of the public and we run the confidential Stop It Now! helpline (0808 1000 900 | www.stopitnow.org.uk/helpline).

Our clinical team

We serve the whole of the UK and our staff come from various backgrounds, disciplines and statutory agencies, and have a range of skills and qualifications. This includes psychologists, psychotherapists, former probation and police officers, and social workers, which means we have skills and knowledge from a wide range of disciplines under one roof.

Our specialist staff provide advice, risk assessments and intervention for male and female adults who have, or who are alleged to have, committed a sexual offence against a child. We also provide advice, risk assessments of and intervention for young people and children from the age of five, who have engaged in, or who are alleged to have engaged in, harmful or inappropriate sexual behaviour.

We also provide protective parenting assessments for non-offending partners and other family members, as well as impact and vulnerability assessments for victims of child sexual exploitation.

Our areas of expertise

We provide a national service and are approved by the Legal Aid Agency to provide expert witness testimony to the Family Courts. We accept referrals from a range of organisations, including children's services, sports governing bodies and religious organisations, and provide a direct access service to members of the public who can make self-referrals.

We deliver case-specific consultancies, risk assessments and bespoke programmes of intervention. We can negotiate service level agreements and contracts with agencies as well as undertaking one-off pieces of work.

Each and every case is different but with our expertise and tailored approach we can:

- Clarify the key issues
- Identify risk levels and imminence
- Provide evidence-based approaches to managing risk
- Identify trauma and its implications
- Identify obstacles to the case progressing, and solutions in complex cases
- Explain how to harness protective factors within the family
- Explain how to work with people in denial of their harmful or illegal sexual behaviour
- Identify areas of strength and resilience in clients to help prevent further offending
- Identify evidence-based resources to meet specific needs
- Explain how to engage non-offending partners and families to increase their ability to protect children.

We can help caseworkers and their managers to arrive at an overall strategy and equip them with a step-by-step plan of action. This enables all caseworkers to have increased confidence in dealing with complex cases or families where there are concerns about sexual misconduct, giving them an evidence-based approach to working safely with one or all family members, thereby maintaining an appropriate position that helps to protect children.

Who we work with

We work with a range of organisations and individuals across the UK, including, but not limited to:

- Local authorities including children's services
- Police forces
- The Family and Criminal Courts
- Solicitors and barristers
- CAFCASS workers and Guardians ad Litem
- The probation and prison service
- Health and mental health services
- Youth offending teams and institutions
- Voluntary organisations and charities
- Faith communities
- Sporting bodies
- The Disclosure and Barring Service

Assessments and interventions

We specialise in complex, multi-handed and dual assessments, with couples and whole families. We provide bespoke services for a range of clients and are happy to discuss any case involving child sexual abuse.

Examples of the types of assessments and interventions we offer include:

- Assessments of and intervention for adult males suspected or convicted of sexually abusing children, of grooming, or of downloading abusive material online
- Assessments of and intervention for parents of children who have been sexually abused, or whose children are deemed at risk of sexual abuse
- Integrated assessments of and intervention for the whole family
- Assessments for clients whose first language is not English and where an approved interpreter is required
- Assessments for clients who have hearing impairments and where an approved signer is required
- Assessments of and intervention for young people and children from the age of five, who have engaged in, or who are alleged to have engaged in, harmful or inappropriate sexual behaviour
- Safeguarding assessments where there are concerns about someone's current or future employment
- Work with children and young people who have been, are suspected of having been, or who are felt to be at risk of being, sexually exploited or abused
- Assessments of and intervention for adult women convicted for, or suspected of, sexually abusing children

Our assessments and interventions can help in a variety of situations, such as:

- Family court proceedings, such as care proceedings or adoption hearings, private law proceedings, such as residence or contact disputes
- Local authority decision-making about the viability of family reconstruction
- Therapeutic work with children, young people and families
- Employers' decision making regarding employees against whom allegations of a sexual nature have been made
- Assessment and treatment of individuals, to manage and reduce risk of sexual harm and identify and meet treatment needs
- Management of male and female adults in prison or under community supervision for sexual offences
- Applications for a Sexual Harm Prevention Order or Sexual Risk Order
- Placement of children and young people known to pose a risk to other children



Specialist consultancy

Our specialist staff can provide expert child protection and safeguarding advice and consultancy to any organisation including statutory, voluntary and commercial companies.

The bespoke service we offer means no two projects are the same. Some consultancy may be coupled with training – and others may involve a review of policies and procedures. Whatever your needs, contact us to see how we can help.

Through our consultancy service, we assist clients to work through complex issues and develop clear and effective action plans. We can offer a comprehensive review of case papers, and provide advice by telephone or through face-to-face sessions with caseworkers.

We help you take a fresh look at the case - which is especially valuable where, for example, the issues are particularly complex and enmeshed, or where attitudes and problems have become entrenched over time, making it difficult to find the best way forward.

We can help caseworkers and their managers to arrive at an overall strategy and to equip them with a step-by-step plan of action.

Some common themes are:

- Separating out the key issues
- Identifying what is getting in the way of progress
- Exploring different approaches
- Identifying and managing risk levels and imminence
- Harnessing protective factors
- Understanding and working with denial (person who abused, partner or family member)
- Identifying resources to meet a range of needs
- Engaging non-offending partners and families and increasing their ability to protect
- Making and testing hypotheses

Contact us

For more information, advice and fees, please contact our referrals manager:

 01527 591922

 referrals@lucyfaithfull.org.uk



We also provide expert training

Would you like to increase your confidence and skills in working with adults, or young people with worrying or criminal sexual behaviour? Our range of training programmes can help you.

Visit: <https://www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk/expert-training.htm>

Online resources and information

lucyfaithfull.org.uk

This is our main charity site which gives an overview of the Foundation and our work. The site holds details of our executive management team, trustees and our annual reports as well as information on:

- [Professional training](#)
- [Educational programmes for people who have been arrested, cautioned or convicted for online offences involving indecent images of children or having sexual conversations with children](#)
- [Educational programmes for the families of people who have offended online internet offenders including wives and partners](#)
- [Services for young people who have got into trouble online](#)

stopitnow.org.uk

Find information about our helpline, online child sexual abuse deterrence campaign, and self-help information for people worried about [their own](#) or [someone else's](#) thoughts, feelings or behaviour towards children.

- Our [helpline, live chat and secure messaging service](#) are available to anyone with concerns about child sexual abuse, including: those worried about their own thoughts or behaviour towards children; adults worried about the behaviour of another adult, or a child or young person; professionals, and adult survivors.

parentsprotect.co.uk

Our child sexual abuse prevention and awareness website which helps adults do the best they can to protect children from sexual abuse. The site is a useful resource of information and guidance and includes [short videos to help parents, carers and professionals](#) learn about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it.