

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation

Clinical Services Brochure



Working to Protect Children

About Us

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is a child protection charity. For over 25 years, we have used our extensive knowledge of child sexual abuse – including our understanding of abuser behaviour and 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: young people with inappropriate sexual behaviours; adult male and female sexual abusers; victims and survivors of abuse, and other family members.

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).

Our Clinical Team

Our staff come from various backgrounds and disciplines and have a range of skills and qualifications. Our UK-wide practitioner team includes professionals who have worked in the child sexual abuse field for a range of statutory agencies. It 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 and intervention for young people who have displayed harmful sexual behaviour.

In addition, we 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 court. We accept referrals from a range of 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 undertake spot-purchase pieces of work.

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

- Clarity on the key issues
- Identification of risk levels and imminence
- Evidence-based approaches to managing risk
- Identification of obstacles to progress the case with suggested ways forward
- Understanding of how to harness protective factors within the family
- Understanding of how to work with people in denial of their problematic sexual behaviour
- Identification of evidence based resources to meet specific needs
- Understanding of 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 evidenced approach to working safely with one or all family members, thereby maintaining a defensible position.

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
- The probation and prison service
- Health and mental health services
- Youth offending teams
- Young offender institutions
- Voluntary organisations and charities
- Faith communities
- The Disclosure and Barring Service

Assessments and Interventions

We specialise in complex, multi-handed and dual assessments. 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 of sexually abusing children, or of downloading abusive material via the Internet
- 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 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
- 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**

Expert training is also available

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 may assist.

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

Online Resources and Information

www.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](#)
- [Educative programmes for those who have been arrested, cautioned or convicted for internet offences involving indecent images of children](#)
- [Educative programmes for the families of internet offenders including wives and partners](#)
- [Services for young people who have got into trouble online](#)

www.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 features a [30-minute learning programme](#).

www.stopitnow.org.uk

The website for our Stop it Now! campaign and confidential helpline (0808 1000 900). The helpline is 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.

www.get-support.stopitnow.org.uk

A website hosting information and support for people troubled by their sexual thoughts about children and young people; help to cope with unwanted feelings and urges; and guidance about how to manage problematic behaviour.

www.get-help.stopitnow.org.uk

An online self-help tool for those concerned about their online behaviour, or that of a loved one. It offers information and advice for users of illegal online sexual images, helping to cope with difficult emotions and to change problematic behaviours. The site also holds a section for professionals working with those who have problematic internet behaviour.