# Information for agencies

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We can offer one to five sessions of work with the young person and their family, tailored to their needs. Each session will be delivered by an experienced practitioner either by telephone (through our Helpline) or face-to-face.

The sessions are educative, designed primarily to provide support, advice and information to young people and their families. In the event that the young person requires more in-depth intervention and/or safeguarding procedures need to be implemented, this will be discussed with the referring agency. The Foundation can provide additional assessment and intervention services provided funding is available.

We can help with:-

### Problems with online behaviour

Problematic online behaviours could include:

- Arrests for Internet related offences including those related to sexually explicit images of children / accessing illegal images of children
- · Risk taking online behaviour
- Young people accessing adult pornography
- 'Sexting' (the sharing of sexually explicit images taken of themselves or of others)
- Concerns in school about a young person's online behaviour

### Problems in the 'real world'

'Real world' problematic sexual behaviours that we seek to help young people and their families recognise, understand and respond to are those which:

- Are rare for the developmental stage and culture
- · Are frequent
- Are a preoccupation
- Fail to respond to normal correction from adults or continue to occur unabated after normal corrective efforts
- Involve significant age and developmental differences between the children involved
- · Involve any use of force, intimidation or coercion and/or the presence of any emotional distress in the child or children involved
- Cause physical injury



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## What does the Lucy Faithfull Foundation do?

Our specialist trained staff will:

- Meet with the young person and their parents or carers (separately or together), explore what has happened, the needs of the family and young person, and how we can help
- Support young people and their families in finding the answers to questions about the concerning behaviour, and help families start communicating about these matters
- Educate young people and their parents/carers about internet safety, and how to keep safe when using new technologies

Where the young person is estranged from their family or is a 'looked after' child, the most significant adult in the young person's life will be invited to be involved. The programme will be flexible to the individual needs of the young person.

### How to make a referral

Agencies and police services can contact the Lucy Faithfull Foundation for further information or to discuss a referral.

Telephone: 01372 847160

Email: wolvercote@lucyfaithfull.org.uk

## Information for parents and carers

Parents and carers should be encouraged to call our confidential freephone Helpline for initial advice and information (0808 1000 900). We also have a leaflet which provides additional information for parents and carers which can be given out to families you are in contact with.

Visit: www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk

# How we work with referring agencies

The Foundation will request a single point of contact within the referring Police Service or other agency.

This will facilitate contact in the event of any safeguarding issues arising, enable feedback to be provided on the referral and enable the referrer to contribute to the Foundation's evaluation of this service.

Any work with the young person and his/her family will be conducted in-line with the Foundation's protocols relating to confidentiality, safeguarding, further offence disclosure etc. The referring agency and the family/young person concerned will be given information about these protocols from the outset.

#### What will the service cost?

The Foundation is able to provide this service free if certain criteria are met. Please call us to discuss.

#### About us

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is a registered charity dedicated entirely to tackling child sexual abuse.

We support
We support
Professionals,
parents, carers and
young people with
concerns about
problematic sexual
behaviour

We have extensive experience of providing assessment, intervention and training services within child protection and criminal justice systems as well as running public education and awareness activities.

We prevent sexual abuse by working with those perpetrating it, those affected by it and with protective adults to keep children safe.

We run the confidential Stop it Now! Helpline for adults concerned about child sexual abuse, including people worried about their own thoughts or behaviour or about another adult or young person.



Stop it Now! Helpline 0808 1000 900 www.stopitnow.org.uk

Parents Protect!

Parents Protect! www.parentsprotect.co.uk

### Services for adults

Since 2005 The Foundation has been running individual and group psycho-educational programmes for adults arrested, cautioned or convicted in relation to indecent images of children accessed via the internet (Inform Plus).

We also offer a parallel programme for their adult partners, relatives or close friends (Inform). www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk

Parents/carers/professionals with concerns about a young person's sexual behaviour can access confidential advice and support through the Stop it Now! Helpline 0808 1000 900



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