



Helping professionals tackle and prevent the sexual abuse of children

Working with non-offending partners

Assessing the protective skills of mothers, partners and adult carers

Do you work with non-offending partners of contact child sexual offenders? Or with the families of those who have offended online?

Working with non-offending partners is a crucial element of child protection. Where child sexual abuse has occurred, a key question about non-abusing family members can be 'Did they know?' In making decisions about a child's safety, we must also consider carers' ability to protect the child and ask 'Will they be safe in future?'

Who is it for?

This training will primarily benefit child protection social work staff. It will also be of great value to all professionals directly involved in child protection, including for example: psychologists, health visitors, midwives, school nurses, school and nursery teaching and non-teaching staff.

We can also offer training which explores the individual intervention needs of mothers and partners, group work approaches to intervention and assessment and intervention combined. Please contact us for details.

How will this help?

Our tailor-made training sessions help participants gain the skills to assess a carer's strengths and weaknesses in relation to future protection. We develop understanding of the often difficult context for non-abusing parents/carers and the effect of denial, both in offenders and carers. And we help participants consider their own beliefs and responses when assessing non-abusing parents.

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.



Working to Protect Children

We provide a comprehensive range of services, including training packages coupled with specialist case advice and consultancy for professionals, as well as direct work with sexual offenders and their families.

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



Our training draws on up-to-date research and current face-to-face work with sexual abusers and non-abusing family members.



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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Skilled facilitators use engaging and interactive materials, including case examples, and discuss:

- different patterns and styles of male sexual offending against children
- how this knowledge helps to understand a carer's responses during abuse and after disclosure
- the implications for assessing carers' future likelihood of keeping children safe from sexual abuse

Participants will have a greater understanding of:

- What they bring to an assessment – their own knowledge and preconceptions
- A mother's or partner's response to suspected or disclosed abuse
- The impact of the offender on the mother/child relationship
- The attitudes to their non-abusing carer[s] of children who have been sexually abused
- How current sexual abuse models can be helpful when assessing the mother's/partner's ability to protect
- The potential impact of each aspect of the offender's steps to offending on the mother or partner
- A framework for assessing a carer's protective skills, knowledge, strengths and resilience
- What type of intervention a partner/carer may need.

Attendees told us:

“Encouraged confidence working with non-abusing partners and fantastic practical tips for interventions with them.”

“Really gave an insight into the individual circumstances of the protective carers and the impact child sexual abuse may have on them.”

“Feel I would be more empathetic to non-offending partners and be better able to accurately assess their ability to protect children.”

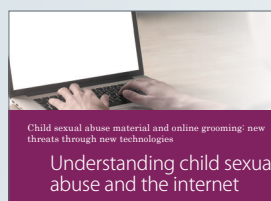
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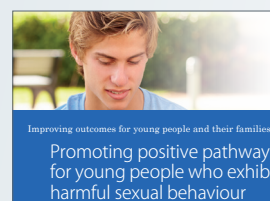
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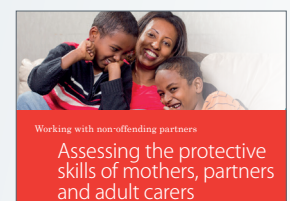
Stopping offenders, supporting children
Understanding sexual exploitation of children and young people



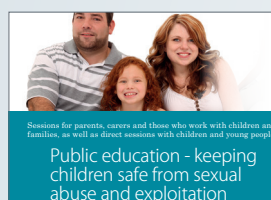
Child sexual abuse material and online grooming: new threats through new technologies
Understanding child sexual abuse and the internet



Improving outcomes for young people and their families
Promoting positive pathways for young people who exhibit harmful sexual behaviour



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Sessions for parents, carers and those who work with children and families, as well as direct sessions with children and young people
Public education - keeping children safe from sexual abuse and exploitation



Recruiting safely, protecting children
Safer Recruitment in Education Settings



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Safer Recruitment Training for all organisations that work with children and young people