

The Safe Project would like to introduce you to the team, we are based in Chapeltown and work citywide with young people and their families who are at risk of exploitation.

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You may have already met us! We have started to visit teams across Leeds to talk about what we do. If you haven't heard from us and would like someone to attend a team meeting or practice session please contact the Safe Project.

Siblings Group

We completed a very successful Safe Networks group in Summer 2019. Our Safe Networks group is for siblings of young people who are affected by child exploitation. This group is aimed at 8-12 year olds and supports the early preventative work around safe relationships and building support networks.

Our next group will be starting **in October 2019 for 8 weeks**. If you have any children in mind please make contact with the Safe Project on 0113 3784216 by 4th October 2019.



Parent's Forum

We have a longstanding informal parents group which runs every 3 weeks and is facilitated by our Family Practitioners. The forum is open to any parents whose children have experienced exploitation, and children do not need to be an open case to Children's Social Worker Services to access this support.

The purpose of the group is to offer parents peer support, to talk through worries and to understand issues which could be a concern for their children – the forum also has regular guest speakers.

The Safe Project is passionate about engaging parents and carers in their children's plans to keep their children safe. As part of the Parents Forum, parents and carers have made an emotive audio piece called, "Listen to me, as well as my child." It highlights the importance of being listened to and included in their children's plans. Two parents will be presenting this at the BASIS Working Together Better conference in September 2019.



WHAT'S NEW?

Child Exploitation Risk Assessment

This summer the new **Child Exploitation Risk Assessment** for social workers has replaced the old Child Sexual Exploitation Matrix Assessment. The purpose of the new tool is to allow practitioners to assess the broader context of exploitation, taking into account Child Criminal Exploitation. Alongside this, partner agencies are encouraged to complete the **Child Exploitation Risk Identification Tool** which can be found on Leeds Safeguarding Children's Partnership website. This will allow Duty and Advice to make a decision on whether a child needs a social work assessment or not.

The Safe Project have also revised their young person friendly exploitation self assessment. This helps to gain the voice of the young person for their assessment. This can be shared by requesting this from a member of our team.

Night Time Economy Work

Our award winning Night Time Economy (NTE) work continues across the city to raise awareness of Child Exploitation. The NTE is the fifth largest industry in the UK and consists of many different businesses, services and licensed premises (transport, retail and food outlets, security staff).

This work is supported by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams who visit premises with us. To date we have visited over 550 NTE establishments.

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of reporting intelligence around the exploitation of young people. This includes spaces and places where young people spend time, people of concern, car registration plates or information which could suggest illegal activity. This helps The Safe Project and the Police to target their work.

The intelligence report can be found here: <https://www.leedsscp.org.uk/Practitioners/Child-Exploitation-and-Children-Missing-from-Home/CSE-protocols>



The Safe Project - Working in a holistic way—some feedback

A parents view: "Joanne helped me to make sense of what I am thinking and feeling. Joanne broke information down so I could understand it. The sessions have given me clarity on what I already understood. I felt more confident to manage an emergency and concerns. Its okay to ask for help."

A young persons view: "It was a place where I could say anything. The work has helped me dramatically. It has made me worry less."

A professional view: "Being able to join up information between family, professionals and the young person was integral to safeguarding and trying to gather an accurate picture of her risk."

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