



Preventing child sexual abuse in Hampshire

July 1, 2010: Over 100 people who work with children and families across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will attend a conference on Monday (July 5) focussing solely on the prevention of child sexual abuse.

Organised by Stop it Now! UK and Ireland and supported by Hampshire Constabulary, it's the second conference of its kind to be held in the county and follows a very successful first event in March.

The conference entitled 'Preventing Child Sexual Abuse – Making it Everybody's Business' will feature workshops delivered by specialist staff from child protection charity, the Lucy Faithfull Foundation and will cover some of today's key issues surrounding child sexual abuse whilst help delegates see where their roles and organisations fit into preventing abuse from taking place.

Delegates will develop their understanding of internet abusers, female abusers and children and young people with worrying sexual behaviour. In addition, all delegates will participate in a multi-agency workshop which encourages participants to examine, together, the level of preventative work being done in their own area.

At the end of this event over 220 delegates from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will have completed the conference programme this year.

Stop it Now! UK and Ireland works hard to engage with statutory, private and voluntary sector workers as well as parents, carers and other members of the public. The campaign believes that child sexual abuse is preventable, not inevitable and aims to promote the importance of everyone getting involved and informed.

The Stop it Now! campaign operates a free phone confidential helpline – 0800 1000 900 and email service – help@stopitnow.org.uk – which people can call for advice and support in relation to child sexual abuse issues.

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Notes to Editors

For further information, interviews and requests for a reporter to attend the conference please contact Deborah Denis on 01372 847160, 07540 690 315 or email ddenis@lucyfaithfull.org.uk.

This conference is not open to the general public and is fully booked.

1. Stop it Now! UK and Ireland aims to prevent child sexual abuse by increasing public awareness and empowering people to act responsibly to protect children. Stop it Now! believes that it is the responsibility of all adults to take positive action to prevent the sexual abuse of children. Stop it Now! is an alliance of leading children's charities, working with the government and child protection agencies, to promote public education and prevent child sexual abuse. The Stop it Now! helpline has been operating since 2002 and aims to prevent child abuse by encouraging abusers and potential abusers to seek help and by giving adults the information they need to protect children safely. The helpline is funded by the Ministry of Justice and the Lucy Faithfull Foundation. The England campaign is supported by the Department of Children, Schools and Families. The Stop it Now! campaigns in Wales and Scotland are supported by the Welsh Assembly Government and the Scottish Government respectively. www.stopitnow.org.uk.

2. Named after its founder, Baroness Lucy Faithfull of Wolvercote, the Foundation is a child protection charity operating UK-wide and specialising in safeguarding children from sexual abuse. The Foundation's policy is to collaborate with individuals and agencies internationally to develop a more child sensitive and offender aware culture in our societies. The Foundation contributes to legislation and to policy and procedure reviews concerned with safeguarding children in faith communities, in schools, in leisure facilities, on the Internet and living away from home.

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