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Together we can prevent child sexual abuse

## FREE ONE DAY CONFERENCE

**WEST MERCIA CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS  
HINDLIP HALL, WORCESTER, WR3 8SP  
MARCH 15, 2010**

# Preventing Child Sexual Abuse - Making it Everybody's Business

### Introduction

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is a leading child protection charity working to reduce the risk of children being sexually abused. We believe that child sexual abuse is preventable, not inevitable, and provide a unique set of services which enhance community protection against child sexual abuse. We aim to safeguard children and young people from abuse by collaborating with individuals and agencies to develop a more child sensitive and offender aware culture.

The Foundation works with child protection and public protection professionals, perpetrators of child sexual abuse and their families and manages the national campaign; Stop it Now! The campaign, supported by an alliance of voluntary sector partners, government departments and statutory agencies operates a free phone, confidential Helpline for people to seek information and advice in relation to child sexual abuse.

### Conference aims

This one day conference aims to explore some of today's key issues surrounding child sexual abuse:

- ✓ Female sexual abusers – facts and fiction
- ✓ Internet offenders – how the internet is used as part of sexually abusive behaviour
- ✓ Children and young people who display worrying sexual behaviour
- ✓ Developing a comprehensive framework to prevent child sexual abuse

Delegates will complete each workshop. They will hear from specialist speakers who work in the field, learn from the experience of others and share their own experiences. The conference will explore how various roles contribute to preventing child sexual abuse.

**Featuring an Opening Address by Chief Constable Paul West, ACPO Lead on the Management of Sexual Offenders and Violent Offenders**

### Who should attend?

- Those concerned with child protection
- Those concerned with public protection
- Police officers
- Children's services providers
- Health and social services
- Community safety workers
- Probation staff
- Foster care workers
- Education staff
- Psychologists
- Youth workers
- Residential staff
- Child care staff
- Faith workers
- Child sexual abuse survivor organisations

### Delegate criteria

We all have a part to play in preventing child sexual abuse – which is why this conference is open to everyone who works with or has contact with children or families.

**There is NO cost for this conference.**

### Programme Outline

0900	Registration with refreshments
0930	Opening Address by Chief Constable Paul West, ACPO Lead on the Management of Sexual Offenders and Violent Offenders
0945	Prevention – A Comprehensive Response? Donald Findlater, Director of Stop it Now! UK and Ireland
1030	Morning Refreshments
1100	Workshop 1
1200	Workshop 2
1300	Lunch
1340	Workshop 3
1450	Workshop 4
1550	Afternoon Refreshments
1600	Making it <i>our</i> business – examples from Stop it Now! projects
1640	Conference close

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# The Workshops

### Female sexual abusers - facts and fictions

In 2009, media coverage of a series of high profile cases involving women impacted significantly on the public and professional consciousness of female sexual abuse.

One aspect of this publicity was to highlight the lack of professionals' knowledge that exists regarding this subject and the lack of confidence many professionals experience when faced with a female abuser.

This research based workshop will seek to provide participants with a basic understanding of some of the key issues associated with female abuse including prevalence, victim characteristics, perpetrator characteristics and differences between male and female abusers in order to increase their awareness and their ability to protect and support victims.

### Children and young people who display worrying sexual behaviour: an overview of key issues

This workshop aims to highlight some of the key issues relating to the identification, assessment, intervention and care of children and young people with inappropriate or harmful sexual behaviours.

It will focus on both pre-pubescent and post-pubescent children and topics will include:

- ✓ What behaviour is inappropriate or harmful?
- ✓ What are the facts?
- ✓ What are the myths?
- ✓ What works?
- ✓ When should we intervene and how?

It will explore some of the similarities and differences between working with pre-pubescent children and adolescents and the need to ensure our work is developmentally appropriate and does not misuse knowledge and assumptions drawn from work with other age groups.

The workshop is aimed at those who are new to this area of work and those who need to refresh their knowledge. However, it also welcomes experienced practitioners who could contribute to other people's awareness of this area.

### Internet offenders - how the Internet is used as part of sexually abusive behaviour

This workshop will draw on research and our own experience of working with Internet offenders and their families, to explore;

- ✓ facts and figures about pornography and Internet offending;
- ✓ types of Internet offender;
- ✓ research on recidivism and risk of contact offending;
- ✓ typical issues that need intervention/response, including risk management;
- ✓ our clinical experience working with Internet offenders and their partners.

### Developing a comprehensive framework to prevent child sexual abuse

Stop it Now! UK and Ireland believes that child sexual abuse is preventable – not inevitable. We also believe that we all have a part to play in preventing abuse – but do you know where your role fits in? Or what gaps in preventative measures there may be in your local area and how you might be able to help fill those gaps?

This workshop will provide you with an opportunity to;

- ✓ explore the need for a comprehensive approach for prevention;
- ✓ identify where your role fits within a comprehensive framework of prevention;
- ✓ identify and discuss the gaps and challenges that exist in preventative services and resources within your local authority area.

### Benefits to the delegate

- Certificated workshops
- Work with engaging speakers who have specialist knowledge of working to prevent child sexual abuse from taking place
- Gain insight into key issues surrounding child sexual abuse
- Get an understanding of where your role fits into preventing child sexual abuse



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## What to do now

Fill in the booking form below and post, email or fax it to us. Alternatively, email your name, organisation and contact details and we will send you confirmation of your booking.

There is **no charge** for this one day conference.

## Easy ways to register:

**Post:** Stop it Now! 2010 conference, The Lucy Faithfull Foundation, Bordesley Hall, The Holloway, Alvechurch, Birmingham, B48 7QA

**Fax:** 01527 591924

**Email:** office@stopitnow.org.uk

**Questions? Call 01527 598184 or email office@stopitnow.org.uk**

## Please register the following delegates: (copy page for additional delegates)

First delegate:

Title:	Forename:	Surname:
Organisation:		
Job title:		
Address:		
Daytime Tel:	Fax:	
Email		

Second delegate:

Title:	Forename:	Surname:
Organisation:		
Job title:		
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