

Safeguarding Forum

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The team is made up of the Named and Designated Professionals in Safeguarding and Safeguarding Specialists for children and adults

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. CSA
2. Validating safeguarding registers
3. Questions and/or cases

Far more children are sexually abused than services identify

An iceberg graphic where the tip is above the water line and the much larger base is submerged. The water line is represented by a horizontal dashed line. The numbers and text are placed at different levels relative to this line: 2,600 is above, 46,000 is on the line, 89,000 is below, and 500,000 is in the dark blue area below the water.

2,600 children on a child protection plan due to child sexual abuse
(England and Wales)

46,000 children assessed at risk of sexual abuse*
(England)

89,000 child sexual abuse offences recorded by the police
(England and Wales)

500,000 children estimated to experience child sexual
abuse every year**

Sources: Home Office, Police recorded crime and outcomes, 2020/21; Department for Education, Characteristics of Children in Need, 2020/21. * Includes assessments in child sexual abuse and exploitation. ** Estimate calculated using single-year prevalence estimates by age group (Radford et al 2011), Childhood abuse and neglect in the UK today and the Office for National Statistics 2020 population estimates. Please note: numbers rounded to the nearest hundred.

Disabled adults are **2x**

As likely as non-disabled adults to say they had been abused in their childhood



of those who had lived in a care home reported experiences of child sexual abuse - almost **4x as many as those living with family / carers**

1 in **3**

also experienced neglect



The likelihood of experiencing child sexual abuse **does not vary significantly with ethnic group** in England, but people from some minority ethnic communities **face barriers to reporting abuse**

Graphics courtesy of CSA Centre

LOCAL DATA: LINCOLNSHIRE....

1112 incidents reported to the police

791 identified victims

2021/22

8 Children
on Child
Protection
Plans for
Child Sexual
Abuse



Assessment factors identified in
Child and Family Assessments

CSA CSE

569 68



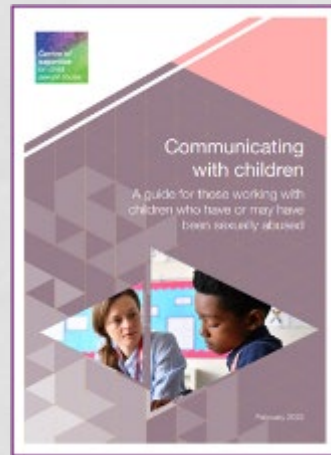
Their aim is to:

“reduce the impact of child sexual abuse through improved prevention and better response”

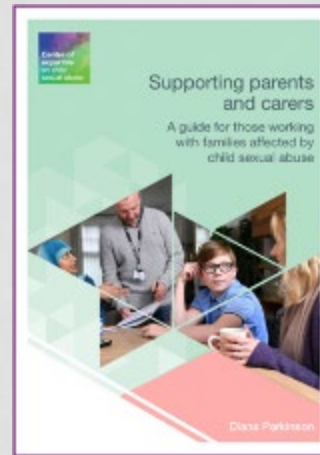
RESOURCES AND GUIDES



A template for professionals to identify and record concerns of child sexual abuse



A guide for professionals working with children who have or may have been sexually abused



A guide for professionals working with families affected by child sexual abuse



A guide to support education professionals responding to incidents of harmful sexual behaviour

www.csacentre.co.uk



Signs and indicators

A template for identifying and recording concerns of child sexual abuse



November 2021

THE 5 R'S OF DISCLOSURE

RECEIVE

REASSURE

REACT

RECORD

REPORT

#bethedifference

RESPONDING WELL

- Our response to an individual might be the first step on the journey to their recovery.
- Responding well from the first disclosure supports the survivor and the perpetrator and sets a course for a culture of individual and organisational accountability.
- Not responding well increases the risk of harm to others
- Our response to both victims of abuse and perpetrators of abuse can either build trust in our organisations or undermine people's confidence

SUPPORT AND INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL CRIME



VICTIM LINCS



- 'In-House' service put in place by PCC to provide victims with information, advice and support; including referral to specialist services
- Free and Confidential service, which can be used by anyone living in Lincolnshire
- Victim Lincs are independent of the police therefore can offer advice and make referrals to specialist support services for those victims of crime who do not wish to report to the police
- Victims can self-refer into Victim Lincs at any time



Victim
Lincs

VICTIM LINCS - SEXUAL VIOLENCE CO-ORDINATOR



- To provide an enhanced service to victims and survivors of sexual crime, by listening to their needs and advising them of the various specialist support services that are available to help the cope and recovery journey
- First point of contact for victims of crime
- 'Gateway' to other support services
- Comprehensive needs assessment
- Referral to most appropriate support service
- Practical advice and guidance
- Everything is done to put the victims' needs at the heart of the process



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WHAT VICTIM LINCS WILL DO



- Providing the victim has consented to Victim Services – Victim Lincs will be in touch within 2 working days of the incident being reported
- Contact can be either by phone; text message; email or letter
- Provide key information on the case
- Deal with any queries or concerns in relation to support available - avoiding individuals being passed between agencies
- Provide practical advice and guidance (if required)
- Carry out a comprehensive needs assessment - onward referral if appropriate
- Signpost to other support/advice services (including national helplines)
- Have access to Translation services



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CONTINUED

- If victim doesn't live in Lincolnshire, Victim Lincs can still contact and refer/signpost to appropriate service in their area
- After successful contact, Victim Lincs will follow up with a text message or letter containing contact details should support be required in the future (Providing it is safe to do so)
- **We know a victims' needs may change over time; support is available at any time. Not just immediately following the incident**





Victim
Lincs

SUPPORT IN LINCOLNSHIRE



ISVA and SARC
(Spring Lodge)

Paediatric SARC

CHISVA - Castle
Service (Victim
Support)

Lincolnshire
Rape Crisis

NW
Counselling
Hub

Umbrella
Counselling

MORE ABOUT THE SUPPORT SERVICES



- **ISVA Service** - For adults we refer to Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVA's) through ['Spring Lodge'](#). ISVA's provide a tailored emotional and practical support to anyone that has experienced rape or sexual abuse at any times in their lives. They can help a victim by supporting them through a police investigation and court, and speak to other agencies on a victim's behalf, or help them access further specialist support.
- **CHISVA Service** - For children and young people, we refer to [The Castle Service](#) which is run by [Victim Support Lincolnshire](#). The Castle Service is a specialist support service ran by accredited Children Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (CHISVA's). They work with children and young people up to the age of 18 who have been victims of rape, child sexual exploitation, sexual violence, and cyber-crime of a sexual nature.



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MORE ABOUT THE SUPPORT SERVICES..

A range of counselling services are also available to people of any age who have experiences a sexual crime:

- [Lincolnshire Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Services](#) , They support people of all genders and ages who live, work or study in Lincolnshire, who have been affected by any form of sexual violence at any point in their lives and are willing to engage in support/therapy relating to these experiences. You can find information on their website including how to refer yourself into their services.
- [NW Counselling Hub](#) -NWCH provide a safe and supportive environment for children, young people, adults, couples, and families - ranging from four years old and upwards. Individuals under 18 years old will ideally have an adult to help with their support however if an individual does not wish for their parents or carer to know about the support being received then it is not required. NWCH will endeavour to support anyone who approaches them for support in whatever way they require.
- [Umbrella Counselling](#) – Provide a Safe place for survivors of rape, sexual violence and childhood sexual assault.

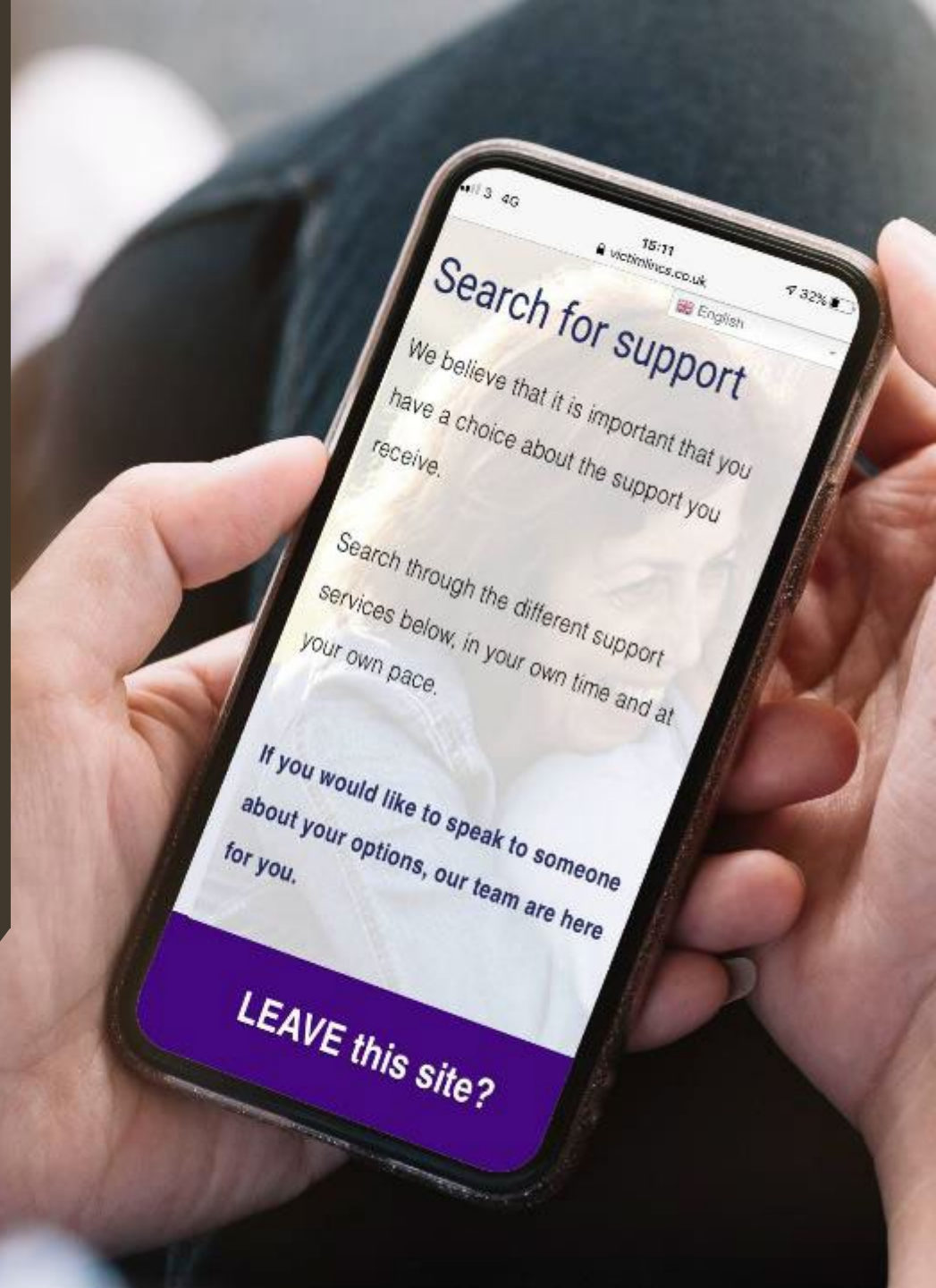


Lincolnshire Victims

Website:

- Directory of services
- What to expect on journey through the criminal justice system
- Rights as a victim and witness (VCOP)

victimlincs.co.uk





#THINKVICTIMLINCS

01522 947510

victim@lincs.police.uk

Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm

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EAST MIDLANDS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE





NSPCC data 2018-2019 number of recorded sexual offences against children.

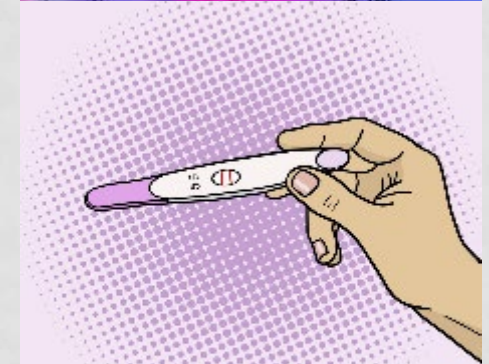
- 76204 UK wide
- 6261 in the East midlands region.
 - 1519 Nottinghamshire
 - 1246 Northamptonshire
 - 1232 Leicestershire and Rutland
 - 1183 Derbyshire
 - 1081 Lincolnshire





Why refer

- Collection of forensic evidence
- Documentation of injuries
- Prevention of unwanted pregnancy
- Prevention and detection of sexually transmitted infections
- CYP sometimes give medical staff more information
- Reassure CYP and their carers
- Onward referrals



SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS FOR ADVICE & REFERRAL 0800 1830023



- **Single point of access answered by a Crisis Support Worker, can ask to speak to a clinician.**
- **24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year for referral or advice.**
- **Acute sexual assault/abuse (within 21 days)**
- **Non-recent assault/abuse (more than 21 days)**
- **CYP up to the age of 18**
- **Adults with significant needs (e.g. learning disability) up to age 24 years**
- **Young people 16-18 have a choice as to whether they access the CYP or adult services.**
- **Self referrals are taken from YP 16 + under some circumstances**

VS

VICTIM
SUPPORT

CASTLE SERVICE

LINCOLNSHIRE



VICTIMSUPPORT.ORG.UK

What is the Castle Service?

Victim Support specialist service funded by the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Provide **direct support** to children and young people under 18 that are victims of **rape and sexual abuse, child sexual exploitation, cybercrime** and more.

Support whether the crime is **recent or historic**.

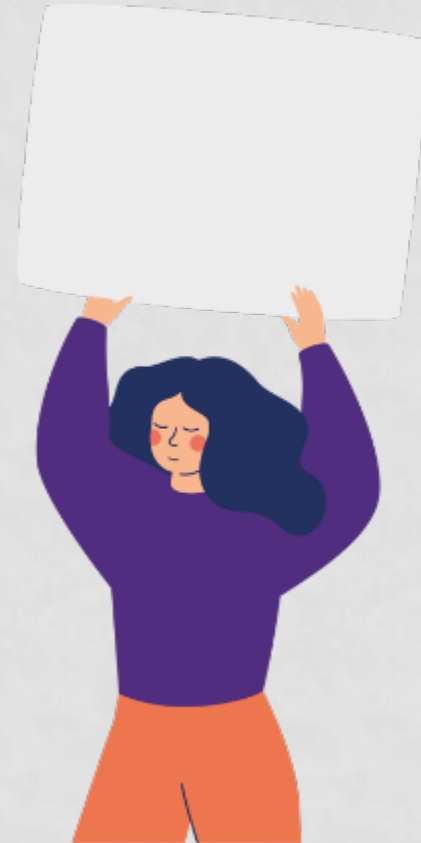
Support can be via **telephone, video calls or face-to-face** at home or at school.

WHAT IS A CHISVA?

A Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisor or CHISVA is a **specialist practitioner**.

They advocate for the rights of clients and support their wellbeing around the impact of crime.

One of our guiding documents is the **Victims Code**. It sets out 12 rights that any victim of a crime is entitled to whilst in the criminal justice system.



SUPPORT WITH

Worries

Safety planning

Healthy
relationships

Consent and safe
sex

Self-esteem and
confidence

Cyber safety

Police updates

CICA applications

CHISVAs can also offer limited advocacy in education, housing and more.

SUPPORT AT COURT

The Castle Service CHISVAs also provide a specialised outreach service for young victims attending court.

This Queen's Award-winning element involves:

- explaining the process of going to court
- working with the Witness Service/Witness Care to organise pre-trial visits
- attending court with the victim on the day
- post-court support to review the outcome and experience



PARTNERSHIP WORKING

CHISVAs can work in multi-agency settings and attend a range of meetings.

- provide updates/reports to other professionals involved
- add actions to the clients support and safety plan

CHISVAs cannot act as a **Lead Professional** as they offer intervention support.

Team Around the
Child (TAC)

Child in Need
(CIN)

Child Protection
Conferences (CP)

Special Measures
meetings

WHAT THEY DON'T DO

Work for the police

- We are an independent service
- CHISVAs won't talk about the crime itself

Offer counselling

- CHISVAs offer low-level emotional support
- They can signpost to other partner agencies, such as [Umbrella Counselling](#), [NW Counselling Hub](#) and [Lincolnshire Rape Crisis](#)

Work with parents and families

- CHISVAs will work with the victim directly, unless under 5 years old
- They have a parental support leaflet which we will provide to parents via email

Zoey's story*

Zoey was referred into Victim Support by Victim Lincs as she reported a rape by a stranger.

- 15 year old female
- ADHD and mental health difficulties

She had been **groomed for two years** and was coerced into leaving the county before being assaulted.



*name has been changed

ZOEY'S STORY*

- On referral, Zoey was struggling with her mental health, building trust with new friends, was taking drugs and not attending school.
- The CHISVA provided telephone support to Zoey every 2 weeks, and support included:
 - sending her a personal alarm and home alarms
 - discussing self-esteem
 - planning for the future (Zoey wants to study Hair and Beauty)
 - referral to the Sexual Health Clinic
 - information around court and the processes

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ZOEY'S STORY*..

The CHISVA supported Zoey and her mum on the day of court.

She was in the main courtroom, with screens as a special measure, and was incredibly brave in telling her story/answering questions.

Thanks to her courage, the defendant was sentenced to 9 years imprisonment, has a sexual harm prevention order and will be on the sex offenders register for life.

By the end of support, Zoey was spending more time with family, feeling much safer and was proud of herself at court.

Zoey's mum reached out to the CHISVA to say "Thankyou for being there for her at court, I know it's your job but it is appreciated."



**Centre of
expertise
on child
sexual abuse**

MULTI-AGENCY TRAINING

Is available free via LSCP Enable site

Is made up of three short E-learning modules, consisting of research, supportive documentation and videos

VALIDATING SAFEGUARDING LISTS

- Recent CQC inspections have raised this question
- CSC 'one-time offer' to review safeguarding register
- Contact via local team
- Then onus on practice to maintain the list/register
- Improved communication from CSC when cases closed
- CODING is vital
- Use safeguarding templates on Systmone/Ardens
- Review all coded on CPP at SG meetings

Childrens Social Care is divided into localities across the county. There will be one or more locality team leaders identified to support practices in their area with this work; please use the details below for your locality contact.

The idea is that the locality contact will work with you to review your practice safeguarding list for children to try and ensure that information is up to date.

Please be clear that this is a one-off opportunity to review your list as social care do not have capacity to do this on a regular basis.

We will soon have the national role-out of CP-IS which we hope will further help with information sharing across agencies. [Child Protection - Information Sharing \(CP-IS\) service - NHS England Digital](#)

Locality:	Contact names:	Contact number:
West Lindsay	Alison Selwood	01522 550598
South Kesteven	Katy Miller	01522 555967
East Lindsay North	Claire Lee	01522 554850
East Lindsay South	Claire Howlett	01522 301535
North Kesteven	Jonathan Reeve, Tess Bettle, Alex Despa, Arria Claypole	01522 555001
Lincoln FAST	Laurissa Marsden	01522 553489
Boston	Anabel Dawson	01522 555010
South Holland have contacted surgeries directly		



Any Questions?



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Thank you

