

Get Safe

Worcestershire

Worcestershire Children First

GET SAFE team - Support and

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Get There

Information, help and guidance for 16 to 25 year olds



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What we do?

We work as part of the Multi-Agency **GET SAFE** Partnership providing support and protection for children and young people at risk of exploitation. As part of that support, we provide the following:

- Advice and guidance when identifying risks and concerns for children and young people who may be vulnerable to or are experiencing exploitation.
- We arrange and attend Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) meetings. We also attend Strategy Discussions when there are clear concerns around Child Exploitation. We attend Missing Intervention Meetings for children who have been missing more than 3 times over a 90-day period. Any case open to early help we will chair the Missing Intervention Meeting.
- We have developed with partners the multi-agency a Get Safe Assessment Tool for practitioners to complete when they have identified an exploitation risk for a young person. This uses the contextual safeguarding model. When completed practitioners submit the assessment tool into the partnership Get Safe Portal. We offer support and guidance to complete this process.
- Every Tuesday afternoon there is a Get Safe meeting in the MASH where the GET SAFE multi-agency team discuss the assessments that have been submitted into the Get Safe Portal. The multi-agency team RAG rates each case according to the identified level of risk or vulnerability.
- For all Red and Amber rag rated children, level four needs will be identified and a referral to children's social care is required if the child is not already on a Child Protection, Child in Need or Looked After plan. The response pathway for these children will include a MACE meeting which will be arranged with the team and partners by our WCF GET SAFE team; so we can have a detailed case discussion with the workers and partners involved with the child and support the multi-agency team to develop the child's 4P MACE plan which will include support from specific GET SAFE services as appropriate.
- Our Get Safe Link workers work with children and young people who are on either the AMBER or RED Get Safe pathway and have been identified as experiencing child exploitation this may be

through disclosure or through identified risk factors and incidents that have occurred. Their role is to engage the child / young person in face-to-face direct work to help further understand their experience, gain their trust to help identify their risks and vulnerability and work with MACE plans to provide support and protection but also add to the disruption against perpetrator(s).

- For all Green rag rated children the multi-agency group will review all available diversionary services that we can engage the child and family with subject to the parent/guardian's consent and look at the early help offer in place. Some children on the Green pathway will be open to children's services and the preventative work will be part of that existing plan.
- Our missing officers complete all welfare return interviews for Worcestershire children when a child has been reported missing and then found. They will share this information with the allocated worker and the details will be recorded in the welfare return interview form in liquid logic. If there is a need for early help support, they will seek consent and make those requests for service family support as per the levels of need guidance. Our missing officers will also signpost the child and family to any additional diversionary support such as KOOTH, PACE, etc.
- We attend the weekly Missing Monday's Meeting and share information about children who are currently not in school or excluded etc and discuss how this could further increase a child's vulnerability to child exploitation and work with that team to look at actions. The missing Monday's meetings also have flagged as part of this meeting children with a Get safe flag, so this is identified in the meeting with partners.
- The multi-agency GET SAFE meeting every Tuesday in MASH also has educational representation, and the educational status of children is part of this discussion as this can increase risk and vulnerability for some children and therefore is factored into this decision making.
- We provide focused workshops to all our internal WCF staff on key areas of practice such as the National Referral Mechanism and the impact of using victim blaming language. We complete service updates at our management and leadership E2E meetings.

- We can attend team meetings across the service to support group supervision to i.e., map a specific exploitation case or to support staff on a 1:1 basis in completing NRM applications or how they can develop a 4 P plan. We offer new starters shadowing experience in our team to develop their understanding of what we offer and how they can access support from our team.
- We have attended a range of community partnership events to share information directly to young people about what GET SAFE is and to build their understanding of child exploitation and how they can seek support.
- The Team Manager and Practice Lead also attend the monthly GET SAFE operational group and contribute to the wider Worcestershire action plan against the GET SAFE strategy

GET SAFE and GET THERE

External Services for children and young people

Children's Society – Climb

Partnered with the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, is a unique programme providing positive activities to young people who may otherwise be drawn into criminal activity.

[Climb | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/climb)

Referrals online through the above link.

What support does Climb offer?

Climb offers sports, dance, arts music and more. We work with young people who are missing school or college, starting to be reported as missing, or at risk of being drawn into criminal activity. We help young people build their resilience and so they're better able to deal with the challenges of modern childhood.

This transformative service is the first of its kind and will help children develop new skills, form real friendships and learn how to recognise people and situations that might put them at risk.

Working with schools, police, social care, activity providers and many other groups across the region, together we will build safer communities, where children can be hopeful about their futures.

THE BRANCH PROJECT – West Mercia Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre- WMRSASC

The Branch Project is a WMRSASC support service for children and young people under 18 years, or under 24 years for those with additional needs, who are victims and/or at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

The child or young person does not have to have formally reported/disclosed CSE to be supported by the Branch Project.

[The Branch Project - WMRSASC](https://wmrsasc.org.uk/the-branch-project/)

Referrals online through the above link. For more information or to make a referral please contact our Navigators on 01905 969777 or e-mail referrals@wmrsasc.org.uk

The Branch Project runs throughout Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Shropshire. Branch Project Workers are trained CSE support workers and accredited ISVAs (Independent Sexual Violence Advocates). They provide advocacy, education, intervention and one-to-one support to children and young people who are at risk of or have been a victim of CSE.

Support is always delivered with the consent of the young person, is tailored to their needs and wishes, and is comprised of three interlinked pathways:

Empower – psychosocial educational support interventions are delivered including those whose involvement with the Criminal Justice System (CJS) has finished or where no criminal justice process is pursued.

Cope – Where a disclosure has been made, one-to-one practical and emotional support, including advocacy, is delivered to help a child or young person throughout the Criminal Justice System. We also provide advocacy outside of the criminal justice process (Social Care, Health, Education, Employment, Housing, other voluntary agencies).

Recover – For those who have experienced CSE, one-to-one psychosocial support interventions are delivered including those whose involvement with CJS has finished or where no CJS process is being pursued.

There are other services available through West Mercia Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre: [Our Services - WMRSASC](#)

North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership – RESPECT Programme

The Respect programme is a therapeutic mentoring scheme providing one to one support sessions to young people at risk of becoming victims of crime or perpetrators. Sessions are offered to children and young people who are affected by crime concerns including domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour, CSE, extremism, hate crime, bullying or engaging in challenging/risky behaviour.

For further details email the Community Safety Partnership Team to receive a referral form at:

communitysafety@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Completed forms should be returned to the Community Safety team via the same secure email address. Referrals are assessed and places allocated on a half termly basis.

Other types of support are also available, for more details contact: Tel: 01527 534187

communitysafety@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Cranstoun Here4YOUth

The service works with you and you can meet our team members at school, at home, at college or in any environment that you feel comfortable in. Worcestershire Here4YOUth also offers advice, support and guidance for children, young people and family members of any age to cope with someone else's drug or alcohol misuse as part of the Here4YOUth Worcestershire Family Support Service.

[Worcestershire Here4YOUth - Cranstoun](#)

Referrals online through the above link. **Telephone contact:** 0300 303 8200

Kidderminster and District Youth Trust:

Aim to:

- Engage and support young people in the communities they live in.
- Ensure young people have their voices heard locally.
- Provide and signpost young people to a range of fun and positive activities.
- Help young people reach their full potential despite any challenges they might face in their lives.
- Offer support on issues important to young people and work with partner agencies to ensure a positive outcome.
- Provide opportunities for community involvement and build links between young people and the wider community.
- Offer support with education and training.

Contact KDYT Office: 01562 228113

Positive Activities Providers:



Check out Worcestershire Children First website for details:

[Groups and activities for young people | Worcestershire County Council](#)

West Midlands Children and Young Person Sexual Assault Referral Service: CYP SARS

West Midlands CYP SARS provides 24-hour access to specialist advice, medical care, forensic examination and holistic assessment (following assessment of urgency) for children and young people aged up to the age of 18 years following recent and non-recent sexual assault and abuse.

We also support young adults up to 25 years with complex needs.

We operate a Hub (recent) and Spoke (non-recent) service across the West Midlands region.

We deliver our service with various agencies across the region this includes 4 police force areas and 6 Integrated Care Systems (ICS)

Our single point of contact number 24 hours a day, seven days a week is:

0808 196 2340.

Barnardo's Beacon Project:

We believe that child sexual abuse is never the fault of the young person and that every young person is unique and needs to be supported in a way that works for them. Barnardo's Beacon Project is here to support young people who have been sexually abused. We work with young people, their parents/carers and a wide range of professionals to help young people cope and recover from sexual abuse.

[Barnardo's Beacon \(barnardosbeacon.org.uk\)](#)

Referrals to be made via the link above.

Young Solutions

Young Solutions Worcestershire are a progressive infrastructure charity dedicated to keeping young people throughout Worcestershire safe and involved. Our work focuses on providing advice and training, supporting the work of our members, youth clubs, community groups, and other organisations with the well-being with children and young people at their core.

[Young Solutions](#)

Contact Young Solutions for referrals details and services available.

Young Solutions - SEEK AND REACH

Seek and Reach is a support and mentoring scheme for young people aged 16 – 24 who are not in education, training or employment living in Worcestershire.

[Seek and Reach « Young Solutions](#)

Referrals to the link above.

EARLY HELP PARTNERSHIP:

The Early Help Partnership provides support and intervention for children, young people and families experiencing difficulties.

[Early Help Partnership \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

LUCY FAITHFUL FOUNDATION:

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is the only UK-wide child protection charity dedicated solely to preventing child sexual abuse.

‘We work closely with frontline workers and professionals such as police officers, social workers and education staff to ensure children are as safe as they can be. We keep children safe in all our work. We work with entire families that have been affected by sexual abuse including: young people with inappropriate sexual behaviours; adult male and female sexual abusers; victims of abuse and other family members. Drawing on our expert knowledge, we offer a broad range of services for professionals and members of the public and we run the confidential Stop It Now! Helpline’.

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation | Preventing Child Sex Abuse

Parents Against Child Exploitation:

Support for parents and carers whose children are being exploited by offenders outside of the family.

[Parents Against Child Exploitation \(Pace\) UK \(paceuk.info\)](http://www.parentsagainstchildexploitation.org.uk)

CHAT HEALTH:

If you're aged 11 – 19 years you can text the number below to speak to a school nurse for confidential advice and support on a range of health and well being issues.

Text: 07507331750



Worcester Community Trust: DAWN Project

DAWN is a free, confidential, non-judgemental service for any individual who lives in Wychavon, Malvern Hills and Worcester City and is experiencing, or has experienced, domestic abuse.

[Dawn Project | Worcester | Worcester Community Trust](http://www.worcestercitydawn.org)

West Mercia Women's Aid Children and Young People Services:

WMWA provides support to children and young people who have been affected by domestic abuse. Our work has a strong focus on self-esteem, self-care and on understanding healthy relationships. This includes support for young people who are themselves experiencing abuse in their teen relationships.

[Children and Young People Services | West Mercia Women's Aid
\(westmerciawomensaid.org\)](http://westmerciawomensaid.org)

ONSIDE ADVOCACY:

ONSIDE is a charity established in 1993, stemming from a belief that everyone has the right to be a valued human being and to be treated in a just and fair manner.

We currently work across Worcestershire & Herefordshire, providing a wide range of support services to ensure fairness and equality for all members of our community who may be vulnerable, disadvantaged or discriminated against.

[Children and Young People Services | West Mercia Women's Aid
\(westmerciawomensaid.org\)](http://westmerciawomensaid.org)

For further details and additional agencies look at GET SAFE on Practice Standards and our GET SAFE First Space pages or contact the team.

