Gloucestershire County Council

Working together to keep young people safe

Information for Parents

Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL

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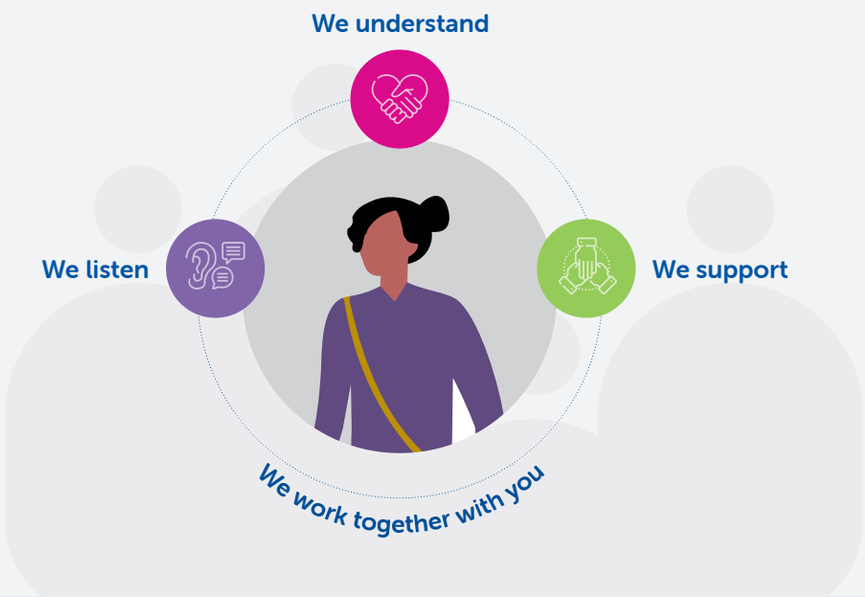
We're here to support **your family**

The Harm Outside the Home (HOTH) Safety and Support Team provides support to young people and their families when there are concerns about harm outside the home, including exploitation or harmful sexual behaviour.

Who we are

We are a county-wide team within the HOTH Hub, supporting young people aged 11–18 who are at risk of Child Exploitation (CE) or displaying Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB). We work with families to understand what is happening, keep young people safe and help build positive futures. We are a team of 9 workers, 2 senior workers and 1 manager, working with you in a respectful, non-judgemental and compassionate way. We believe you know your child best, and we will work with you, not do things to you.



Engagement with the HOTH service is voluntary

How we can help **you and your family**

Provide one-to-one support for your child and practical support for your family

Help you understand the risks and what might be happening for your child

Work with you to create safety plans and explore ways to keep your child safe

Offer advice on online safety, worries or concerns and where to get help

Listen to your experiences and support you through difficult times

Work in partnership with Police, Social Care, Health, CAMHS, schools and other services to get the right support in place

Support your child and family when stepping down from Youth Justice or other services

Provide training and guidance to professionals and settings to support your child

We are here to

- Listen without judgement
- Work with you at your pace
- Respect your family and your choices
- Focus on strengths
- Help you feel less alone

Who we work with

Priority 1

Children identified as high/significant risk through a HOTH assessment or strategy meeting. Children open to Youth Justice who are receiving an out-of-court disposal.

Priority 2

Children identified as moderate risk through a HOTH assessment. Children referred via the CAMHS HSB pathway for AIM assessment and intervention.

We are committed to

- Putting children and families first
- Building trusted relationships
- Keeping young people safe
- Working together for better outcomes

How to access our support

Referrals can be made via:

1

A professional will complete the **HOTH Screening Tool** and it will be sent to the **HOTH Insight and Coordination Team**

2

The **CAMHS HSB pathway**, following a HOTH assessment and direct allocation from the HSB team

3

Youth Justice allocation or step-down support where ongoing concerns are identified through a HOTH assessment at the point of Youth Justice closure

Need to talk?

If you're unsure how to access our service, please contact us for advice

Important

If you're concerned about your child's immediate safety, call the Police on **999**.