**Pathway Programme Service**

Please use the boxes below to input the child’s age and the current problematic or harmful sexual behaviours that you are worried about using a traffic light system.

For further information to help you understand the sexual developmental of children, please see The Lucy Faithful Foundations Traffic Light tool for ages 0-5, 5-11. (https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/traffic-light-tools.htm), and the Brook Traffic light tool for children up to 18 (<https://www.brook.org.uk>) please note in order to use this tool you will need to pay a one off fee of £30.

Please be advised this is **not** an assessment tool, it is an opportunity to reflect on the child’s behaviours alongside their developmental norm. Some children may have presenting behaviours in Green, Amber and Red.

Green behaviours reflect safe and healthy sexual development and we therefore do not offer consultations for young people presenting with these behaviours.

Please see a list below of resources which may help and guide you around having age appropriate conversations with children:

\*Sex positive talks to have with children (Book)

\*Talk PANTS- NSPCC

\*Healthy Sexual behaviour-NSPCC

\*Tea consent video- Thames Valley Police

\*www.parentsprotect.co.uk

\*amaze.org

Red behaviours are outside of safe and healthy behaviour and are harmful to the young person themselves or other young people. They typically involve significant age or size differences between young people and often include more extreme sexual behaviour such as penetration. If you are a professional working with young people and your organisation has internal guidance or safeguarding frameworks, please refer to these to decide on the next steps to take. Your policy or procedure should guide you towards a designated safeguarding lead who can be notified and will provide support.

Amber behaviours have the potential to be outside of safe and healthy development and therefore they should not be ignored. They will sometimes involve sexual behaviour between young people that does not involve more extreme actions such as penetration. As a professional it is important to consider why the behaviours may be being displayed, and, where possible, gather further information and continue to monitor behaviour.

Our service primarily offers support to professionals working with young people presenting with Amber behaviours.

Please complete our consultation request form. We will assess the information and either offer you a consultation or signpost you to the relevant service.

Often it may be unclear what category a child’s behaviour may fall under and sometimes behaviour may span a number of them. If you are unsure in any way as to what colour your child’s behaviour best matches, please feel free to contact the service on pathwayservice@actionforchildren.org.uk with the child’s age, your professional relationship and contact details and a brief description of your concerns/query. One of our lead therapeutic practitioner’s will respond at our earliest availability.

***Eligibility criteria:***

This service is available to children in Derbyshire who are living with birth family. There needs to be a key professional involved with the child, this is inclusive of all education and health professionals and they will be recorded as the case holder for the duration of our involvement.

In order to make a consultation to our service we ask that you complete the flow chart above and a consultation request form.

Please note that if you have any concerns regarding Harmful Sexual Behaviours in relation to a young person who is in the care of Derbyshire County Council, you can refer to the Action for Children Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service for Children in Care: 'The DECC'. Here you can access bookable consultation slots with a specific focus on HSB.

If you have immediate safeguarding concerns for a child living in Derbyshire then please contact Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 or visit [Derby Safeguarding Children Partnership (ddscp.org.uk)](https://www.ddscp.org.uk/)

***Consultation process:***

Following as assessment of the completed consultation request form, we will assess whether a consultation will be helpful. If this is deemed the next step, a selection of dates will be allocated and sent to the lead professional to confirm.

A consultation offers a space for reflective thinking around the young persons behaviours and will provide support and advice for professionals working with them. This will be led by a Lead Therapeutic Practitioner and a copy of the consultation discussion will be summarised and emailed to the lead professional.

Where professionals are embarking on supporting that child with their Harmful Sexual Behaviours, we can offer a limited series of further consultations to facilitate reflective thinking, and provide support and advice.