

Stop it Now! Scotland

The national programme for the prevention of child sexual abuse

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Who we are

- The national programme for the prevention of child sexual abuse in Scotland
- Set up in 2008
- Funded by the Scottish Government
- Part of The Lucy Faithfull Foundation
- Based in Edinburgh – 2 full time, 2 p/t staff + sessional staff



- Internet offence services
- Inform and inform plus
- Sexting
- Still Reeling?
- Talk abOUT it! – prisoners project
- Upstream community engagement
- Keeping Children Safe

Community Disclosure

- Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme



Tayside 14th September 2009.

Fife and Central Scotland
27th October 2010.

Dumfries and Galloway ,
Grampian and Northern 31st January 2011.

Strathclyde and
Lothian and Borders 31st March 2011.

Stop it Now! Scotland 24th August 2011.

evaluation recommendations

- Call handler guidance - briefing
- Information to RSOs
- Disclosure officer guidance
- Marketing of scheme

KCS Booklets



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Together we can prevent child sexual abuse

	Info Booklet	Preventing Abuse	Protecting Children	Posters
Strathclyde	10,000	3,000	3,000	5,000
L&B	7,500	3,000	3,000	5,000
CSP / Fife	10,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Grampian, Northern, D&G	15,000	6,000	6,000	4,000
Totals	42,500	16,000	16,000	18,000

Keeping Children Safe



Objective

- To maintain and extend the public profile of the scheme
- And
- To promote the use of the scheme as a key contributor to the protection of children in Scotland

Keeping Children Safe 2011

- applications to the scheme - 272
- applications which concerned RSOs - 59.
- applications which concerned individuals who were not RSOs but had convictions for sexual offences - 58.
- child concern reports - 42
- criminal intelligence reports - 112
- A total of 25 disclosures were made.

2011	CSP	D&G	Fife	Gpn	L&B	Northn	S'lyde	Tay	Total
Enquires received.	15	19	56	15	74	25	39	29	272
RSO – Child Sex Offender	6	6	1	1	23	3	13	6	59
Child Sex Offence but not RSO	5	4	0	3	25	9	2	10	58
Child Concern Report	2	2	5	2	14	6	4	7	42
Intelligence Submissions	3	5	9	0	52	10	18	15	112
Disclosures Made	3	3	1	0	7	5	5	1	25
Decision Pending	0	4	0	1	10	1	1	4	21

Issues

- Differing levels of uptake
- Effectiveness of marketing
- Websites
- Potential differences between areas (CCRs)
- Gathering of statistics
- Opportunity for evaluation and research

Community Engagement

The Upstream Project

- Advice and support for adults
- It is likely that a sex offender will not be known to the Police
- Piloted with community police officers (228)
- Being rolled out to other agencies now
- KCS embedded
- A toolkit of resources and information
- Contains a family safety plan (Parents Protect)
- Contains information about the signs of abuse
- Provides a range of options about what to do if there are concerns

Public Attitudes Survey

- What do the public understand about sexual abuse?
- What are their attitudes to sex offenders and sex offending?
- What would they do if they are concerned?
- Do they know about KCS and would they use it?

Public Attitudes Survey

- Tayside area
- 1200 households
- 25% response
- 59 willing to undertake face to face interview
- Results in March/April 2012

Conclusions

- Community engagement through upstream is a positive development
- All areas have the KCS scheme but further work is required to fully embed it
- The public have used it in every area
- Child protection measures have been taken in every area as a result of the scheme
- There are research opportunities
- No evidence of negative impact on RSOs
- No evidence of negative outcomes

Any Questions

THANK YOU

