



Who are we? The Safe Project is based within Leeds Children & Families Services - we are a team who work with young people and their families where there are worries about young people being sexually exploited by others – this is called Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

What is Safe Parent's Forum?

- A three weekly forum for parents/family carers of young people who are, or have been at risk of or experiencing CSE.
- An opportunity to meet other people and share experiences in safe, non-judgemental and supportive environment.
- A time to relax, discuss and share ideas and a chance to have your voice heard.

Guest speakers are invited and over the next few months they will cover;

Working effectively with the police and what they can and can't do, CSE from a young person's perspective, the teenage brain, harmful sexual behaviour and demystifying social work processes.

Meetings are held at The Safe Project in Leeds 7 between 10.30 am to 1.00 pm on the following dates; **Thursday 9th May, Thursday 30th May, Thursday 20th June, Thursday 11th July, Thursday 1st August, Thursday 22nd August, Thursday 12th September, Thursday 3rd October, Thursday 24th October, Thursday 14th November 2019.**

Please ring Joanne (07717717102) or Lorraine (07712217170) for more details including venue. Transport can be arranged.

How does it work? – Safe Parent's Forum is open for parents to attend when they are able to or interested in doing so. You can drop in as it suits you. The 2 hour session is spilt into a semi-structured session focussing on one topic followed by time more social time when you can get to know each other, feel supported and support others and enjoy a tea and cake.

What do we hope to achieve? - We promote the voice of the parent/carer using a variety of activities/techniques, including group activities and discussions. For those who want to, there is time to express any fears, concerns and feelings about what has happened to them and their young person. We are also interested in what has helped or hindered families. This will be used to inform our own practice within the team and also allow us to share views around wider service experience.

