

## Safe & Sound Derby

SAFER FUTURE COMMUNITIES  
Empowering local voluntary & community partnerships

Since 2002, Safe & Sound Derby has worked to end child exploitation by protecting children and young people and raising awareness of child sexual exploitation through its services, training and campaigns.

Over the last decade the charity has gained local and national recognition for its work and dedication to ending child sexual exploitation, including for its pivotal work in Derbyshire Constabulary's largest ever child abuse investigation, Operation Retriever, which in 2010 resulted in nine men being convicted for a range of sexual and other offences against 27 girls and young women. The charity also supported the young victims throughout the criminal justice process of a case in 2012, in which eight men were convicted of offences involving three young women following the Constabulary's Operation Kern.

Over the last decade, the charity has seen professionals working with children, young people and families being better able to spot the signs of child sexual exploitation, leading to earlier intervention and ensuring that those at risk are getting the support they need. Public awareness of sexual exploitation has also increased and there are new procedures in place in Derby City around sexual exploitation.

Safe & Sound Derby has helped to reduce crime by sharing information about alleged perpetrators of child sexual abuse, leading to a number of individuals being found guilty of child exploitation and therefore no longer able to abuse and exploit young people. In addition, children and young people have been able to access specialist support to enable them to exit the violent and abusive relationships they found themselves in.

The cost of Safe & Sound Derby's work is around £3,000 to provide 12-months' tailored one-to-one support to a young person who has been identified as being, or at significant risk of being, sexually exploited. However, according to a recent study on the social return on investment of interventions for young people who have been sexually exploited, carried out by Pro Bono Economics for Barnardos in September 2011, there is a potential cost saving of up to £12 for every £1 spent, as well as a substantial reduction in the risk of sexual exploitation.

For further information on Safe & Sound Derby visit [www.safeandsoundderby.co.uk](http://www.safeandsoundderby.co.uk).

*"If I saw someone suffering the way I did I'd send them to Safe & Sound. Safe & Sound has really helped me. I am stronger, more confident and feel better within myself."*

Young Person

*"Safe and Sound have been there for me every step of the way, offering so much more than just support. I cannot thank them enough."*

Parent