

About us

Family Action is a charity committed to building stronger families by delivering innovative and effective services and support that reaches out to many of the UK's most vulnerable people.

We seek to empower people and communities to address their issues and challenges through practical, financial and emotional help.

Pre-trial Support Service

Family Action's new Pre-trial Support Service supports children aged up to 13 who have experienced sexual abuse, and their non-abusing parents/carers.

The service is **free** and available to those in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Subject to demand, we may operate a waiting list.

Service address

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Family Action Pre-trial Support Service

Supporting children in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland up to the age of 13 who have experienced sexual abuse and who have disclosed this to the police



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Support is available once the abuse has been disclosed to the police and while an investigation is ongoing or a trial is pending or underway.

During sessions we are unable to discuss the disclosure as this could have an impact on the outcome of the trial.

Aims

The service aims to help children and their parents/carers to understand and manage trauma symptoms, improve self-esteem/self-confidence and mental health and wellbeing, reduce stress and anxiety around the trial process – thereby improving long-term future prospects as a result.

What we offer

The service is delivered by qualified and experienced social workers who offer a whole-family approach, providing holistic support to children and those supporting them. We offer:

Therapeutic work (including psycho-educational and emotional support) tailored to meet the needs of individual children aged 6 to 13, usually offered through weekly sessions over a six-week period. For children aged 5 and under support will be provided to parents/carers.

Support for parents/carers around what they and their child can expect from the court process, and how they can help their child to cope, while attending to their own needs.

Support for siblings where they have been affected by the abuse or disclosure.

Consultation for professionals, such as teachers and nurses, who are working with a child receiving our service, to educate them around the impact of trauma and how they can best offer support.

Where the work takes place

The service is delivered at Family Action offices or at a suitable alternative location chosen by the family such as a school, GP surgery or community centre.

Making a referral

Parents/carers can refer themselves or they can be referred by GPs, CAMHS, schools, Children's Services, the police, and voluntary organisations.

Referral forms can be downloaded via our website at www.family-action.org.uk/ptss or a paper copy can be requested from leicester@family-action.org.uk

We will accept referrals over the phone from parents/carers **only**.



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