

## **Briefing for professionals; June 2015**

### **‘Say Something’: New service for young people to report sexual exploitation**

**Go-live date: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

#### **Recipients**

NWG Network members including:

- Police forces; Head of public protection, CSE/A leads, missing leads
- Local Authorities; Head of Children’s Services, Head of LAC services, missing/CSE leads
- Voluntary Sector; projects working with missing and exploited children
- Teaching staff; head teachers, DSPs, teaching assistants

#### **Purpose of briefing**

To inform you of a new national service which will seek to raise awareness amongst young people of the risks and dangers of CSE and provide advice on how to keep safe and where to seek support. The new service will provide young people with a means of reporting CSE through a free, 24/7, anonymous helpline provided by Missing People.

This service will not replace existing local services, helpline(s) or support provision but may generate additional information about exploitation in your area and give you an additional tool to use when working with young people who are wary of reporting.

#### **The service**

The charity Missing People is working in partnership with the NWG Network Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation to provide an awareness campaign and national Freephone reporting service, funded by the Department for Education (DfE). The service will go live on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

The service will offer a complimentary and unique additional service, through an anonymous reporting mechanism for young people alongside balancing support and safeguarding them. The helpline will also look to signpost and/or refer young people to relevant local services.

Missing People will send disclosed information about child sexual exploitation to relevant statutory agencies and will expect an appropriate local safeguarding response. The charity will also help the person reporting to be safe, and access support where needed.

Workers can share the **Say Something** helpline with young people who aren't able to be fully open about what is happening, so they can report their worries anonymously.

Missing People also operates the Runaway Helpline and has 20 years' experience supporting missing and exploited young people and their families.

### **'Say Something' helpline:**

**Call or Text 116000**

**Website [www.stop-cse.org/saysomething](http://www.stop-cse.org/saysomething)**

For professional enquiries email: [partners@missingpeople.org.uk](mailto:partners@missingpeople.org.uk) or [bina@nwgnetwork.org](mailto:bina@nwgnetwork.org)

### **What do you need to do?**

Following the launch of this campaign, we anticipate a rise in referrals, we therefore urge you to be prepared for this, ensuring staff are appropriately trained, and systems in place to respond to CSE concerns.

Please also:

- Update your local websites and literature to incorporate the new national CSE helpline details and relevant links.
- Download and display posters in places viewable by young people
- Help with promotion of the campaign on social media and also directly give the helpline to young people who may need it
- Send contact details for your local CSE services/CSE SPOCS in order for us to update the NWG service directory and to ensure Missing People have recent and relevant contact details for signposting/referrals – please send these to [network@nwgnetwork.org](mailto:network@nwgnetwork.org)
- Contact NWG for further information, advice or support - [bina@nwgnetwork.org](mailto:bina@nwgnetwork.org)

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