

Staying Safe: Exploring the needs of young people with additional support needs who experience or present with Harmful Sexual Behaviour and their families

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Venue: Norton Park Conference Centre, Edinburgh

There is a lot of good work being done to intervene effectively with young people who exhibit signs of Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB). However, this work is largely focused on the general population. It is important therefore to ensure that young people with learning disabilities; autism; speech, language and communication needs; and/or other additional support needs are not unfairly disadvantaged or excluded, and that they have equal opportunity to benefit from early intervention.

The purpose of this event is to engage with professionals, families and young people with lived experience of these issues, and to gain insight into how it feels for them to be struggling with these behaviours, what supports they felt they needed but couldn't get, what motivates HSB in young people with LD and/or ASD, and examples of positive interventions or support.

To register please use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/staying-safe-exploring-the-needs-of-young-people-with-additional-support-needs-who-experience-or-tickets-53005850927?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=estw&utm-source=tw&utm-term=listing>

Please note: If any parents or carers you work with would like to be involved in discussions, please do encourage them to contact us. Similarly, if any young people you work with who have experience of these issues, would be interested in anonymously pre-recording their thoughts and ideas, please do contact us.

The findings from this event will inform a follow-up conference on April 3rd which will explore the ways in which preventative and early intervention approaches should be adapted to meet the needs of young people with additional support needs. More details on this event can be found here: <https://www.cycj.org.uk/event/prevention-intervention-inclusion-harmful-sexual-behaviour-and-young-people-with-additional-support-needs/>