

LICENSING SUGGESTIONS

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STEERING GROUP AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION ROTHERHAM

We are a locally recognised Rotherham Steering Group consisting of victims, survivors and families of all forms of abuse. We are not professional experts in CSE, but collectively, we have gained expertise from first-hand experience of abuse and the devastating effects it has on victims and extended family.

We are a unique group who are about moving forward by educating and sharing our experiences with agencies and other professionals so that abuse can be significantly reduced on a national scale.

Our status has been recognised by:

- Alexis Jay Report August 2014
- Louise Casey February 2015
- A private meeting with PM David Cameron
- Support of Sarah Champion, MP
- Consultations with Rotherham Commissioners Malcolm Newson and Mary Nay.
- Consultations with funders from the private sector who have been awarded £3.1million to Barnardo's, from KPMG, RMBC and DFE.
- Training and awareness sessions with church leaders, Voluntary sector, Foster carers and other professionals in support agencies
- Supported the development of the commissioned services
- Meetings with various Councillors in Rotherham
- A survivor from the group has taken part in a video to be shown in training sessions for professionals in the NHS country wide
- Consultations with leaders and head of children's services at Rotherham Council.
- Esmee Fairburn foundation
- Significant media representation
- Nspcc workshop speaker
- Advisor for SYP and Crime Commissioner panel

Rotherham is a testimony that Child Sexual Exploitation has reached alarming proportions in the UK. Many believe that this is a phenomenon unique to Rotherham. However, historical and recent reports show that CSE does not recognise geographical boundaries nor does it respect creed, race or standing. It spreads easily across Localities like a cancer, devouring our children, their families and their communities.

We would like you to join in our fight to stop and eradicate CSE and all forms of abuse from escalating in your location. We aim to do this by embracing certain policies and practices to move forward in a positive way to help safeguard our children. We, as a Steering Group are proud to be a part of supporting Rotherham to move forward and make this a National Project.

Taxi Licensing

1. All taxis to be installed with CCTV and audio devices.
2. All taxis to be installed with tracking devices
3. All taxis to be installed with shield glass separating the driver from passengers
4. All children to travel in the back seat
5. Taxi drivers to use the vehicle for work purposes only and not for personal use
6. All drivers to be enhanced DBS checked
7. All drivers to report to base when not carrying a fare
8. Cars should only be used by the registered driver.
9. National data base to respond to intelligence as well as evidence against all taxi drivers
10. Regular, random drug tests on all drivers
11. Training in CSE awareness and reporting for all drivers
12. Mandatory for owner of company to keep correct complaints procedure
13. All job vacancies for staff to go through job centre

Any costs incurred from any of the above to be covered by the driver!
These costs will be tax deductible as the drivers are self-employed.