

Why should you do this?

The purpose of this pilot is to help to protect children from harm.

The majority of child sexual offenders are known to their victims. They are often a friend of the victim's family, a friend of the victim, or a member of the victim's family.

To speak to Warwickshire Police contact:

01926 415899 or visit
www.warwickshire.police.uk/keepingchildrensafe

For general information on protecting your children from sexual abuse contact:

**NSPCC Child Protection Helpline:
0808 800 5000**

Help is also available by email:

help@nspcc.org.uk

If you are deaf or hard of hearing and are worried about a child or need advice, contact the NSPCC Child Protection BSL Helpline through qualified British Sign Language interpreters. Call the ISDN videophone on **020 8463 1148** or access the service online via IP videophone or webcam to: nspcc.signvideo.tv. Opening hours: 9am – 5pm.

The NSPCC Helpline is a confidential and free service open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Stop It Now! Helpline 0808 1000 900

A confidential helpline operates from 9am to 9pm Monday to Thursday and from 9am to 7pm on Friday

This is a freephone helpline for people worried about their own sexual thoughts and feelings towards children or the sexual behaviour of others; parents and carers of young people with sexually worrying behaviour; and professionals needing help with difficult cases.

www.stopitnow.org.uk

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999

Keeping Children Safe

from child sexual offenders



Introduction

There is a pilot scheme running in Warwickshire which allows you to ask the police to check if a person in regular contact with a child has a record for child sexual offences.

It is called the disclosure pilot.

The purpose of the pilot is to protect children from harm by looking at the best way to give information to parents, carers and guardians about people who are involved in their family life.

Anyone can go to the police and express concerns about a person who has access to a child and appropriate action will be taken, if necessary.

All police forces have safeguarding procedures to protect children, and will take action if they think a child is at risk.

What is the disclosure pilot?

You can ask the police to carry out checks on a person who is in regular contact with a child.

If police checks show that the person has a record of child sexual offences, or other offences that might put children at risk, then they will consider sharing this information with the person best placed to protect the child. This is usually the parent, carer or guardian.

The police will disclose information only if it is lawful, necessary and proportionate to do so in the interests of protecting the child or children from harm.

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Who is this pilot for?

This pilot is for people who want to find out if someone in contact with a child has a record of child sexual offences.

They may have no specific reason to be worried but are just being careful.

A single mother, for example, may want to find out a bit more about her new partner before asking them to move in.

The police will only consider telling the person best placed to protect the child – usually a parent, carer or guardian – if the person they are asking about has a record of child sexual offences.

What should you do if you are worried about a child's safety?

If you are worried about a child's safety then take action.

Share your concerns with the police.

Everyone, including grandparents, friends and concerned individuals, can go to the police with concerns about a child's well-being.

If the child is found to be at risk, then the police will act using safeguarding children procedures.