



Briefing for organisations considering adopting the *Supporting adults who have experienced Child Sexual Abuse Policy Statement*

Introduction

Leeds **Visible** partnership is about making the invisible visible, in order to improve health and well-being outcomes for adult survivors of child sexual abuse.

Visible is a catalyst for system change across Leeds, with adult survivors influential in all aspects of delivering improvements.

Visible aims to support improvements in services' responses to adults who have experienced child

sexual abuse, and to support statutory bodies in developing relevant policies and best practices.

Visible...

- Influences service providers at strategic, organisational and frontline levels
- Impacts strategy, policy and commissioning
- Equips staff with awareness and confidence to develop competence
- Shares best practice and disseminates learning and national research

Background to the template Policy Statement

Soon after **Visible's** inception, it was recognised that there was a need for a city-wide cross-cutting framework of principles around responding well to adults who have experienced child sexual abuse. A

steering group of key stakeholders from the statutory and voluntary sectors, together with adults with lived experience, developed a template city-wide Policy Statement for organisations to consider adopting.

Aim of the Policy Statement

The Policy Statement is a catalyst for action. It provides a framework for organisations seeking to improve their responses, and it helps organisations to develop an underpinning action plan.

Actions will vary between organisations and might include:

- Updating governance policies
- Raising awareness
- Training staff
- Revising operational policies and procedures

The ***Policy Statement Action Planning Resource*** supports organisations to adopt its principles.
