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Domestic Abuse and Sexual
Violence Support for All

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Partnership Communication

First Light's new Non-Contact ISVA Service is now live

In January 2022, First Light in partnership with Cornwall Council's Children & Family Services launched our Children and Young Person's (CYP) Non-Contact (NC) Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Project in Cornwall, and the project has now "gone live".

The aim of the project is to work with children and young people who have come to the attention of the Local Authority (LA) after experiencing non-contact sexual abuse. Non-contact sexual abuse is defined as where a child is abused without being touched by the abuser. This can be in person or online and includes:

- Exposing or flashing
- Showing pornography
- Exposing a child to sexual acts
- Coercing or Making them masturbate
- Forcing a child to make, view or share child abuse images or videos
- Making, viewing or distributing child abuse images or videos
- Forcing a child to take part in sexual activities or conversations online or through a smartphone

The CYP NC ISVAs will offer ongoing emotional and practical support, working with the CYP and family to understand the impact and improve their awareness and knowledge of sexual abuse. They will help CYP build their confidence, self-care and provide education about healthy relationships free of abuse. The CYP NC ISVAs will provide end to end support to ensure the CYP will have consistency of a dedicated worker.

Referrals for this project will come via Children Family Services and MARU direct to the CYP NC ISVAs to allow the LA worker and CYP NC ISVA to prioritise need and work in collaboration to ensure needs of the CYP are met.

First Light have appointed a Team Leader Clare Harding to manage this project and any information or queries can be directed to the Team Leader via her email clare.harding@firstlight.org.uk

All referral enquires can be directed to: cynoncontact@firstlight.org.uk – this mailbox is monitored 9-5pm Monday to Friday.