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# TARGET

Targeting **A**nd Reducing **G**rooming, **E**xploitation & **T**rading  
*of Children and Young People Online*

**TARGET is a Youth Led three year funded Big Lottery Project working with children and young people at risk or identified as affected by online sexual exploitation and abuse. The project aims to increase their online protective behaviours, improve their wellbeing and increase their transferable knowledge and skills**

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# **TARGET – Targeting And Reducing Grooming, Exploitation and Trading of Children and Young People Online**

## **Project Description**

Service Six provides the TARGET Project, funded by the Big Lottery for three years, which commenced in April 2017. The project aims to challenge the many and increasing dangers to children and young people online, supporting 900+ young people aged 5-18 year olds in Northamptonshire and Leicestershire. Project beneficiaries will increase their online protective behaviours, improve their wellbeing and increase their transferable knowledge and skills.

Opening Days	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat Available if required	Sun not available
Opening Times	Based around client's needs/availability – currently services offered from 9am – 7pm, but is depending on venue availabilities						n/a

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<b>Service Description</b>	The <b>FREE</b> project aims to achieve young people with an increased awareness of online protective behaviours, increased levels of wellbeing, increased transferable life skills and increased accredited youth volunteering. Project activities will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A Youth Designed Free Online App to promote protective behaviours online</li> <li>➤ 'Support to Report' Services</li> <li>➤ Youth Led Educational Information Workshops</li> <li>➤ 121 Support</li> <li>➤ Providing a helpline service to promote online protective behaviours</li> <li>➤ Development of TARGET Champion Young People promoting online protective behaviours throughout the counties, providing peer to peer support</li> <li>➤ An Annual Conference to cascade project learning</li> <li>➤ Social Action research by young people</li> </ul>
<b>Issues address</b>	Project Workers and TARGET Champions will work with a range of concerns surrounding grooming, exploitation and trading of children online.
<b>Eligibility/ Access</b>	Children and Young People aged 5-18 years (up to 25 for Disabled Young People) who are living in; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northamptonshire</li> <li>• Leicestershire</li> </ul> and will have been identified as at risk or already affected by online sexual exploration and abuse. Work undertaken by the project beneficiaries may lead to referrals into other internal

	and external services.
<b>Consent and Other Information</b>	<p>Coproduction model with service users, Fraser competence and confidentiality agreement dictates level of parent/carer direct involvement on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Children under 13 years require parent consent. Otherwise no parent consent required but Gillick competence and Fraser guidance apply.</p> <p>We have an electronic TARGET Portfolio Pack and all associated documents are scanned into this pack. Details are kept on our wellbeing database. All client notes are held within this pack. Session notes are completed after each intervention and updated in the clients TARGET Portfolio Pack. Evaluation and feedback collected during and at the end of the intervention program.</p>



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### **Project Criteria**

Service Six have received funding from the Big Lottery to carry out a three year project in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. The TARGET project, currently, looks to engage with 900+ children and young people and deliver a Youth Designed Free Online App to promote protective behaviours online; 'Support to Report' Helpline Services; Youth Led Educational Information Workshops; Development of TARGET Champion Young People promoting online protective behaviours throughout the counties, providing peer to peer support; an annual conference to cascade project learning and Social Action research by young people.

The project is for young people between the ages of 5-19 years old that:

- Display concerning behaviour in regards to their online activities in relation to grooming, exploitation or trafficking
- Have participated in dangerous online activities and require support in relation to these activities
- Are at risk of or have previously experienced online grooming, exploitation or trafficking
- Have been involved with other services such as CAMHS, Targeted Prevention, Police, Early Help or Social Care
- Are experiencing personal difficulties leading to vulnerabilities towards exploitation, grooming or trafficking
- Require additional support in understanding online protective behaviours
- Demonstrate signs of 'low level risk' and currently do not meet the criteria of the CSE team



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### Pathway Plan

#### Stage 1

- Referrals to be completed through partner agencies, schools, colleges and self-referral of young person. All referrals must be from Northamptonshire and Leicestershire

#### Stage 2

- Contact to then be established with young person to discuss TARGET. Contact to be made via telephone, letter, email and/or visit. Information on services will be given.

#### Stage 3

- Consent forms will be completed alongside any other information that is required.
- Each young person that engages with the project will be given an individual portfolio based upon their needs and action plans required.

#### Stage 4

- Young Person to attend project and support (depending upon depth of support- refer to Service Six counselling department or any other organisations).
- Project Workers will ensure that the portfolio is up to date, evidencing engagement, completion of wellbeing questionnaires, volunteering activity and any other details required.
- Relevant professionals will be kept up to date with regards to the young person.



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### **School and Community Delivery Program**

The TARGET Project can offer the following **FREE** services to schools and communities.

#### **Option One**

Identify young people within the school or community that you would like to become a TARGET Champion. Over a course of 4-8 weeks we will work with the young person to build upon their confidence, increase their awareness around online protective behaviours and enable them with the skills to support other young people to report. The young people identified will gain accredited volunteering and have the opportunity to continue to build upon their volunteering and skill set further within the TARGET Project, alongside any other opportunities that may be available through your school.

Alongside the TARGET Champions we will work together at delivering workshops for small to large groups within the school or community to allow young people to:

- Increase their knowledge in how to keep safe online
- Increase their confidence in telling peers or adults about online incidents they have felt unhappy or uncomfortable about
- Gain a greater understanding of what actions to take to keep themselves safe
- Improve their levels of wellbeing

#### **Option Two**

Workshops within the school or community for small to large groups to allow young people to:

- Increase their knowledge in how to keep safe online
- Increase their confidence in telling peers or adults about online incidents they have felt unhappy or uncomfortable about
- Gain a greater understanding of what actions to take to keep themselves safe
- Improve their levels of wellbeing

#### **Option Three**

121 support that is available to young people, which have been identified as at risk or have experienced grooming, exploitation or trading online. The support will be 4-6 weeks focussed around:

- Increasing their knowledge in how to keep safe online
- Increasing their confidence in telling peers or adults about online incidents they have felt unhappy or uncomfortable about
- Gain a greater understanding of what actions to take to keep themselves safe
- Improve their levels of wellbeing

- Build upon communication and other transferable skills

This support provided is to be requested via referral form.

#### **Option Four**

Small group work that is available to young people, which have been identified as at risk or have experienced grooming, exploitation or trading online. The support will be 4-6 weeks focussed around:

- Increasing their knowledge in how to keep safe online
- Increasing their confidence in telling peers or adults about online incidents they have felt unhappy or uncomfortable about
- Gain a greater understanding of what actions to take to keep themselves safe
- Improve their levels of wellbeing
- Build upon communication and other transferable skills

This support provided is to be requested via referral form.