



## Helpline for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse in any form is unacceptable. Following the concerning reports provided to the Everyone's Invited website, detailing incidents of sexual assault in schools and colleges, the Government is taking immediate steps to support to those affected and ensure all schools are safe places.

That is why The Department for Education are working with the NSPCC and have launched a dedicated helpline for victims of sexual abuse to provide support and guidance.

The dedicated NSPCC Helpline - Report Abuse in Education for children, young people and adult victims of sexual abuse launched on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and can be contacted by phone on **0800 136 663**, or by emailing [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk).



The helpline will be run by the NSPCC and will provide victims of abuse with the appropriate support, advice and onward action, including on contacting professionals or the police if they wish. The helpline will also provide support to parents and professionals too.

The Department for Education want victims to have the confidence to report these crimes, knowing everything will be done to bring offenders to justice. The NSPCC will provide support to those who are reporting abuse and signpost and advise on services available, including contacting the police if needed.

Operation Hydrant, the coordination hub delivering the national policing response, oversight, and coordination of non-recent child sexual abuse investigations, will pass on any police referrals made through the helpline, asking local forces to investigate serious allegations.

If you would like to discuss any safeguarding issue, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, [Mr John Doherty](#)