

## **Guidance and Purpose of Risk of Sexual Harm consultation form.**

### **Background:**

The NSPCC are setting up a national assessment protocol for the assessment of adult males who pose a risk of sexual harm to children. The NSPCC are offering a consultation service with the option of detailed risk assessments of this group of people living within the Blackpool Area.

These assessments will not lead to intervention, but will give clear recommendations linked to risk and risk management plans. In certain cases support may be available for the Social Worker enabling them to provide an intervention post assessment.

It is hoped that a consultation service will become available for all cases where an adult male who is thought to pose a risk of sexual harm is connected to a family / children within this area and will include adult males who have previous convictions for sexual offences, or where there is a significant history which is indicative of a risk of sexual harm.

### **Provision:**

Once persons have been identified, a consultation will take place between Social Care and the NSPCC and decisions will be made regarding further assessment if deemed necessary. If assessment is agreed this will take place over a 3 month period of approximately 12 sessions with the adult male AND THEIR PARTNER. This assessment will then be used to guide care plans for the children involved, along with risk management plans when required.

### **Access:**

The consultation process will take place on a monthly basis and will involve a meeting between Social Care and the NSPCC. In order to obtain consultation and assessment, the 'risk of sexual harm consultation form' must be completed and emailed to Diane Pennington.

You will then be notified of when the consultation will take place. In cases of complex histories where the worker has a good background case history you will be asked to attend the consultation as your input will be deemed necessary. In cases of limited involvement, the 'risk of sexual harm consultation form' will be the key document for obtaining a service.