

Q&I Audit Report: Harmful Sexual Behaviour Pathway
Voice of the child and Parent on the Experience of the Harmful Sexual Behaviour Pathway

We sought the views of parents and children who have experienced the NCC's Harmful Sexual Behaviour Pathway

For a number of reasons, we were able to speak with less children (4) than parents/ carers (7). But what we learned, is invaluable. With thanks to those who spoke with us.

JB gave CSC
"10/10. Because
the support I got
from everyone
was good."

JB (Child) Ashfield

JB would say to other children
about HSB panel 'Everything will
be ok, just talk it out with the
social worker. You'll get the help
you need.'

JB (Child) Ashfield

"It doesn't matter how embarrassing what you've
done is, just tell them how you feel and what you
know as they are there to help you".

JA, (Child) Newark

"... watched the 'Cup of Tea' consent
video"

Social workers "... were friendly.'

JA (Child) Newark

"I understood what the social worker
wanted to do with me."

AC (Child) Gedling

Parent's views on communication confirm that this is foundational to a positive experience. When we get this right, we support parents during what is understandably a very challenging time:

"Initially shocked, but felt the
social worker took the time to
explain what the process was and
that she was not a judge."

DS (Parent) Rushcliffe

"Devasted"

KR Parent Newark.

"Nervous and apprehensive when
first contacted."

CC (Parent) Broxtowe

"Shocked but expecting
it."

KE (Parent) Ashfield

Understanding or retaining an explanation of the process can be difficult in times of stress, but when we get this right, parents felt supported.

Both parents "felt it was well
explained and well communicated
with"

KA and MA (Parents) Newark

SW was 'lovely' and very thorough in
her work. She felt that she
understood everything she was told
and kept well informed throughout.

AC (Parent) Gelding

"...felt the process was
explained."

CV (Parent) Gedling

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Some parents reported:

"...fully listened to during the assessment."

KA and MA (Parents)

"...well informed throughout."

AC (Parent) Gedling

'...we knew that there were some parts which couldn't be discussed due to the ongoing police investigation'

KA and MA (Parents) Newark

In this very complex area, parents naturally have a range of concerns:

Disagreed over telling the children of the stepfather's offence
(Details withheld to prevent recognition)

Felt supported in the beginning but felt it was in place for too long, and child became disengaged from it toward the end.

AC (Parent) Gedling

Concerned "...about parent not being present at the panel in respect of wider s/g information being shared"

DS (Parent) Rushcliffe.

Some parents spoke about the impact upon themselves and their children:

Mum said "...he understood what had happened and realised this was not ok"

KA (Parent) Newark

"Change that has occurred due to social care intervention..."

CV (Parent) Gedling

"They did work with him and it was very helpful. He understood why social care were involved."

KR (Parent) Newark

The social worker "...has been brilliant throughout. Made everyone feel at ease. We didn't feel judged, she just wanted to help."

CV (Parent) Gedling

My son "...has had so much support since the social worker has been involved, agencies are now listening, and L has been diagnosed with dyslexia.'

DS (Parent) Rushcliffe

"...happy with resource suggestions." e.g. 'Pantosaurus', NSPCC

DS (Parent) Rushcliffe