



## *Supporting adults who have experienced Child Sexual Abuse*

# Policy Statement: Briefing for Organisations

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## Introduction

Leeds **Visible** partnership is about making the invisible visible, in order to improve health and well-being outcomes for adult survivors of child sexual abuse.

**Visible** is a catalyst for system change across Leeds, with adult survivors influential in all aspects of delivering improvements.

**Visible** aims to support improvements in services' responses to adults who have experienced child

sexual abuse, and to support statutory bodies in developing relevant policies and best practices.

### **Visible...**

- Influences service providers at strategic, organisational and frontline levels
- Impacts strategy, policy and commissioning
- Equips staff with awareness and confidence to develop competence
- Shares best practice and disseminates learning and national research

## Background to the template Policy Statement

Soon after **Visible's** inception, it was recognised that there was a need for a city-wide cross-cutting framework of principles around responding well to adults who have experienced child sexual abuse. A steering group of key stakeholders from

the statutory and voluntary sectors, together with adults with lived experience, developed a template city-wide Policy Statement for organisations to consider adopting.

## Aim of the Policy Statement

The Policy Statement is a catalyst for action. It provides a framework for organisations seeking to improve their responses, and it helps organisations to develop an underpinning action plan.

Actions will vary between organisations and might include:

- Updating governance policies
- Raising awareness
- Training staff
- Revising operational policies and procedures

The **Policy Statement Action Planning Resource** supports organisations to adopt its principles.

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