

To make a referral

If you are a probation officer, YOT, other practitioner or a concerned family member and you would like to refer a young person with learning disabilities please contact the COSA co-ordinator on **0207 874 5486**.

To become a volunteer

COSA volunteers come from many walks of life. We offer training and ongoing support. If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer please contact the COSA co-ordinator on **0207 874 5486**.

Costs

Due to generous funding from the Esmée Fairbairn and the Lankelly Trust we are able to offer some subsidised and fully funded COSA places.

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Circles of Support and Accountability

An innovative community-based initiative supporting young people with learning disabilities who have sexually harmful behaviour



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from hurting to healing

Do you know a young person with learning disabilities who may benefit from a Circle of Support and Accountability?

About Respond

Building on the pioneering and effective work of Circles UK, Respond is now able to offer Circles of Support and Accountability to individual young people with learning disabilities who have sexually harmful behaviour.

A Circle of Support and Accountability (COSA) is a group of trained volunteers who meet on a regular basis with a young learning disabled person with sexually harmful behaviour who is living in the community.

A COSA aims to prevent child sexual abuse by:

- helping the young person to maintain responsibility and accountability
- reducing risk and vulnerability
- helping the young person live positively and safely in their community

Respond has been addressing the needs of young people with learning disabilities who have sexually offended, or who are at risk of doing so, for over 10 years.

Our specialist risk assessment, psychotherapy and consultation services have developed in response to the complex needs of our clients.

Our COSA work is informed by attachment theory, trauma theory, best practice in learning disability and a systemic approach to care, support and accountability.

Working alongside Circles UK, Respond Circles of Support and Accountability will take the core elements of our clinic-based work into the community.

