

How to make a referral

Where you believe that there is an actual or a risk of significant harm contact the Multi-Agency Referral Unit in the first instance on

0300 1231 116

Or for advice and consultation contact
Gweres Kernow on
01872 326791

Comments, compliments and complaints

Your views are important to us. If you have any comments, compliments or complaints about the service we provide please let us know by writing to:-

Complaints Manager
County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro Cornwall TR1 3AY
Tel: **0300 1234 101**
Email: **csf.feedback@cornwall.gov.uk**

If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:

Cornwall Council
County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 100
Email: enquiries@cornwall.gov.uk
www.cornwall.gov.uk



Cornwall Partnership 
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Gweres Kernow

We provide help for children
and young people who
sexually harm others.

The Basset Centre, Basset Road,
Camborne TR14 8SL

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What is Gweres Kernow*?

Gweres Kernow is a small team of specialist social workers and consultant clinical psychologists who work in partnership with other services to safeguard children who have displayed harmful sexual behaviours and those at risk of sexual abuse. We address the health and wellbeing of those children and young people who display harmful sexual behaviours with the aim of reducing offending and re-offending.

What does Gweres Kernow do?

Gweres Kernow practitioners provide specialist risk assessments of children and their family, risk management advice, intervention work with children and young people and advice and consultation to professionals working with children and young people.

The service works with children and young people under 19, of all abilities.

Ethos

We balance the management of risk to other children or adults with promoting the young person's own welfare and personal development. This gives the young person the opportunity to move on.

Risk assessment

We use the GMAP AIM2 model to assess risk of sexual harm and to identify the best form of intervention the young person needs. Reports are provided to inform:

- Child plans
- Court proceedings
- Community safety
- School inclusion
- Placement stability

Risk management plans

The risk management plan identifies actions to reduce the risk of further harmful behaviours and to help the young person to stay out of trouble. Plans are made in collaboration with the young person, their family, carers, schools and other professionals. Where relevant, the service advises Courts, the Youth Offending Service and MAPPA. At the core of our harm reduction approach we assist the young person to:

- Stay within their family
- Stay living in Cornwall
- Stay engaged in education or training
- Stay out of trouble

Direct work

Gweres Kernow practitioners provide focussed work with individual children and young people to help them understand, and take responsibility for their harmful sexual behaviours.

We use systemic working and a cognitive behavioural approach, working individually with the child or young person.

Intervention aims to be at the least invasive level proportionate to the nature of the case and to the protection of actual or potential victims.

We prioritise work with those who pose the greatest risk

Advice and consultation

Advice and consultation is available to all professionals, carers and parents where a concern about a child or young person's behaviour is identified.

***Gweres** means "to help", **Kernow** means "Cornwall"