

# Willow Parent Support Group



**A supportive space for parents and carers affected by child exploitation or children who are at risk of being exploited.**

## What is it?

A space for parents & carers whose children have been in any way affected by criminal/sexual exploitation or who are worried their children could be at risk.

We know from parents & carers that when their children are impacted by exploitation, this can be incredibly isolating and it can be difficult to talk about with friends and family. The aim of this group is to provide a space for parents to meet others who may have had similar experiences.

There will be regular guest speakers from different services attending the group which will give the chance to learn more about exploitation, what support is available and what can be done to tackle it. Some of the topics that will be covered will include;

- Signs of exploitation and tactics used by exploiters
- Reducing risks around knives
- Understanding more about drugs
- Online safety
- Understanding the youth justice system and local police support

This is a new group and the aim is for parents & carers to be able to help shape it into a space that is helpful and supportive for them.

## When is it?

The last Wednesday of every month. Groups are held **5.30pm – 7pm**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September:** Megan from Project 28 delivering a drug awareness and knife education session.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Q&A session with Avon & Somerset constabulary

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Youth Justice service TBC

## Where is it?

**Southside Youth Hub  
Kelston View, Bath BA2 1NR**

## How do I join?

If you are interested in coming along, or what like to know a bit more, please contact Sam Burt or Natasha Swaby

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## Do I have to go to every group?

No, there is no expectation for people to come every month, although to get the most out of the space it would be great to have people coming regularly.

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