[News story: Boost for vulnerable children through trusted relationships](#)

Some £13 million of Home Office funding has been awarded to projects which support vulnerable children, by ensuring they have positive adult role models in their lives such as youth workers, police officers, nurses and other professionals.

Eleven local authorities have been allocated a share of the Trusted Relationship Fund – a scheme that attempts to intervene early if a child is at risk of abusive predators or being drawn into criminality, such as county lines, by helping foster close relationships with trusted adults in the community.

It comes after a Home Office-commissioned review by the Early Intervention Foundation found that a trusted relationship with an adult is an important part of programmes to support vulnerable children, and that the lack of trusted relationships is consistently cited as a contributing factor in cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Minister for Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerability, Victoria Atkins, said:

> It is awful to think so many children have to tackle life without a strong adult figure they can confide in and that this may leave them vulnerable to predatory criminals and violence as well as exploitation and abuse.
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> The government is absolutely determined to help, which is why the Trusted Relationships Fund will support at-risk children through projects across the country.
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> Early intervention is so important to give vulnerable young people the best chance in life and we will make sure that those most at risk will have a positive adult in their lives.

Yesterday (Tuesday 21 August) the Minister visited one of the successful projects in Rotherham. The project, commissioned by Rotherham Metropolitan District Council and delivered by Barnardo's, sees young people who may be at risk of exploitation and abuse, work with a trusted adult in order to raise their self-esteem and boost their resilience against people wanting to exploit them.

Barnardo's Chief Executive, Javed Khan, said:

> This new government funding for vital early intervention preventative work will allow us to continue to build on what we have already achieved and, working closely alongside our partners,

support more children and young people to escape sexual exploitation.

It will also give us the opportunity to support and protect vulnerable children who are being exposed to other forms of exploitation, such as criminal exploitation by gangs and peer relationship abuse. Barnardo's is committed to breaking the damaging cycle of exploitation and violence that young people can get caught in.

Other successful projects, in areas including London, the Midlands and Greater Manchester, demonstrated that they will help young people in ways such as:

- delivering youth work on the streets to draw children away from threats such as child sexual exploitation or county lines
- working with expelled youngsters to divert them from harm and criminality back towards education
- providing specialist support to children with special educational needs, disabilities and others at risk of being drawn into sexual exploitation
- working with parents and foster carers to improve family relationships and build trust with young people experiencing abusive relationships

As well as Rotherham Council, other successful local authorities include Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Hounslow Council, North Yorkshire County Council & York Council, Ealing Council and North East Lincolnshire Council.

Bradford Council, Hackney Council, North Somerset District Council, Barnet Council and Northampton Borough Council will also benefit from the funding.

Read information about each project.

Press release: UK universities recognised for excellence in cyber security research

- Three new Academic Centres of Excellence in Cyber Security Research recognised, including the first in Wales.
- Total number of Centres in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland boosted to 17.

Three UK universities have been recognised as Academic Centres of Excellence in Cyber Security Research (ACE-CSR), highlighting the country is leading the

way in cyber security skills.

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (ESPRC) have identified the University of Kent, King's College London, and Cardiff University as having first-rate research with scale and impact.

The universities will now join 14 other institutions in a scheme forming part of the Government's National Cyber Security Strategy, which is making the UK the safest place to be online and helping to support the country's thriving digital economy.

The universities will now have the opportunity to bid for funding to develop cutting-edge research in cyber security, including at Doctoral level, as well as attend annual conferences and workshops.

The scheme aims to create a better understanding of the strength of the UK's academic capability in cyber security and identify areas where there are research opportunities or technical gaps. It makes collaboration between academia, business and government easier, and helps make sure cutting-edge research is turned into practical products and services. This includes developing tools to tackle mass marketing fraud online and better understand cyber criminals.

Minister for Digital Margot James said:

> These universities are doing fantastic research in cyber security and they are rightly being recognised for their pioneering work.
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> We have some of the best minds in the world working in the field and thanks to this scheme they can now help shape our National Cyber Security Strategy and develop the talent and services of tomorrow.

Chris Ensor, Deputy Director for Cyber Security Skills and Growth at the NCSC, said:

> The UK has world-class universities carrying out cutting edge research into all areas of cyber security.
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> It's fantastic to see three more universities recognised as Academic Centres of Excellence and I'm especially pleased that we now have centres in all home nations.
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> The NCSC looks forward to collaborating with these institutions to make the UK the safest place to live and work online.

Professor Pete Burnap, Professor of Data Science & Cybersecurity, and Director of the Airbus Centre of Excellence in Cybersecurity Analytics at

Cardiff University said:

> We are delighted to receive this recognition as it evidences our long track-record of research excellence in cyber security.
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> Our core identity is the interdisciplinary fusion of artificial intelligence and cybersecurity, a concept we call Cyber Security Analytics. AI is at the heart of the UK government's industrial strategy and our aim is to innovate with AI to improve automated cyber threat intelligence and support decision making and policy responses to make the UK more secure for individuals, business and the government.
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> We are proud to be the first Welsh university to be recognised by NCSC for our cyber research capability, and we hope to build on the impressive expertise that already exists across the region between academia, government and business.

Dr Jose M. Such, Director of the Centre, and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Informatics at King's College London said:

> We are thrilled to be recognised for the high-quality socio-technical cyber security research we conduct at King's College London. This recognition acknowledges the critical and diverse mass of researchers working on this area at King's from different but complementary angles and points of view.
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> Our research focuses on three main research themes and their interrelationship: the use of AI for cyber security together with the cyber security of AI itself, the theoretical aspects of cyber security like verification and testing, and the socio-political and strategic aspects of cyber security.

Shujun Li, Professor of Cyber Security and Director of the Kent Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Cyber Security (KirCCS) at the University of Kent, said:

> We are excited to be given the ACE-CSR status as an acknowledgement of the excellent research in cyber security at the University of Kent. Our research is truly interdisciplinary drawing on the expertise of colleagues from computer science and engineering as well as wider disciplines such as psychology, law, business and sociology. Our ambition is to have one of the largest and most productive cyber security research centres in the UK by 2022 as well as helping to grow the next-generation cyber security researchers.

The ACE-CSR programme is supported by Government's £1.9 billion National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS) 2016-2021.

Notes to editors

List of institutions that are recognised as Academic Centres of Excellence in Cyber Security Research are:

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- Cardiff University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Kent
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- Lancaster University
- Newcastle University
- University of Oxford
- Queen's University Belfast
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- University of Warwick

- University College London

- The universities will be recognised as Academic Centres of Excellence in Cyber Security Research until June 2022.

- Our [consultation](#) on developing the UK cyber security profession closes at
  5pm on 31 August 2018.

- The National Cyber Security Strategy includes a commitment to develop the cyber security profession in the UK. As part of this work the Government is consulting on how to develop the right skills, capabilities and professionalism for the industry. It includes a clear definition of objectives and proposes the creation of a new UK Cyber Security Council to coordinate delivery.

Press release: Joint Statement on the

[reformed Electronic Communications Code](#)

Industry, the landowner community, representative bodies and Government have come together to reaffirm commitments to the ECC and the Ofcom Code of Practice.

MobileUK, the Country Land and Business Association, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport have issued a joint statement:

> The reformed Electronic Communications Code (ECC) came into force in December 2017 with the aim of boosting coverage and connectivity across the UK, through a package of measures which Government expects to deliver significant cost reductions to the sector, while ensuring that landowners receive a fair payment for allowing their land to be used.
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> Since the new legislation was introduced, there have been problems with negotiations progressing. While some initial uncertainty is to be expected, Government, regulators, the telecoms sector, independent infrastructure providers and the landowner community, recognise the importance of all parties working collaboratively together, both during this transition period and moving forwards.
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> We are therefore coming together to reaffirm the commitments made to each other in Ofcom's Code of Practice, and to reiterate our support for the Government's ambition to be a leading global economy underpinned by world class full fibre network and 5G infrastructure. It is essential that parties engage professionally in open and constructive communications. The future needs of customers and the economy are too important for it to be otherwise.

Minister for Digital Margot James said:

> It's great to see industry and landowners committing to the Electronic Communications Code and backing our ambitions to improve connectivity and ensure Britain is fit for the future. From improving our existing networks to using the next generation of technology, collaboration is vital when it comes to building our digital infrastructure.

News story: Civil news: electronic CW3 application forms available

We have developed electronic versions of CW3 forms for providers to use when making applications for asylum and immigration work.

The excel forms are simpler and quicker to use and are less likely to be rejected.

When can I use the electronic form?

You can use online CW3 forms on all the occasions you would use a paper version for controlled work immigration and asylum applications.

Our dedicated email address for email applications is unchanged: cw3@justice.gov.uk

Advantages over paper forms

1. Tips for submission and completion are built in to the new form helping you to avoid rejects

2. Validation of totals reduce the necessity to add individual items

3. Easier to see where the information we need should be inputted, including where a breakdown is required

4. Links to the relevant guidance

5. Form can be completed online and saved directly onto your system before you make an email submission

6. Saves time by removing need to print and scan paper forms before you make an email submission

7. Faster turnaround times for LAA application decisions because processes are simpler and more efficient

8. Electronic signatures acceptable so there is no need to print completed forms

9. User instructions available through a 'Frequently Asked Questions' tab

Further information

Guidance:

[Escape cases electronic handbook](#) — to find out more about the CW3 process

Electronic CW3A(Imm) and CW3B(Imm) forms

[CW3: extension of upper cost limit in controlled work cases](#) — to download electronic CW3A(Imm) and CW3B(Imm) forms

Electronic CW3C(Imm) form

[CW3C disbursement limit extension](#) — to download electronic CW3C(Imm) graduated fee scheme form

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[Press release: The Parole Board is moving offices this weekend](#)

The Parole Board is moving to new offices over the Bank Holiday weekend (25-27 August 2018).

From Tuesday 28 August 2018, the Parole Board's address will be:

The Parole Board for England & Wales

3rd floor

10 South Colonnade

Canary Wharf

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The Parole Board will share its office space with other Arm's Length Bodies and will be on the same floor as a new MoJ hub.

The move to 10 South Colonnade is part of the MoJ Transformation Project, with the aim to use mobile technology to work flexibly and reduce the reliance on expensive office space in Westminster.

All letters sent to the old office will be forwarded to the new one at 10 South Colonnade. All our phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

If you have any queries, please contact us:

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