



How the Hydrant Programme can **support** your force

Free of charge services for all officers and staff working in child protection and abuse investigation

HYDRANT **PROGRAMME**

Supporting child protection
and abuse investigation



The Hydrant Programme is a national policing operation forming part of the National Police Chiefs' Council Child Protection and Abuse Investigation portfolio.

We provide support and guidance to forces on all aspects of child protection including contemporary and non-recent child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Within the Hydrant Programme there are teams who specialise in Research and Analysis, Peer Review and Peer Support and Media and Communications. Specific support can be provided to forces or individual officers and police staff in many ways, so please do get in touch to find out how Hydrant can help.

Peer Review, Peer Support and Debrief

Free of charge Peer Review, Peer Support (PRPS) and Debrief services.

Our experienced, qualified Review Officers are supported by a cadre of national SIOs with lived experience of child protection and investigation. The team is able to draw upon subject matter experts including victim and survivor advocates, psychologists advising on trauma informed practices, specialist communications and media experts and national disclosure and interview leads.

This is a supportive process for investigators and police staff of all levels to enhance investigations. The service can be adapted to suit the needs of anyone who will benefit from working with us.

Peer Review – is a formal process working to a set Terms of Reference, agreed with the commissioning force. At the conclusion of the review, a summary report is submitted to the force with any recommendations.

Peer Support – is a more informal process, not requiring an approved Terms of Reference. Officers and police staff can access support to discuss, benchmark and compare various elements of an investigation against national best practice.

Debrief – sessions identify learning and promising practice to be applied within force and across national policing. Recommendations will be provided.



“The Hydrant Programme cadre of experts have carried out both an initial and follow-up peer support session for Operation Lydstep. The sessions, final report and recommendations have proved to be invaluable with regards to progressing elements of the investigation in areas not otherwise considered”.

(West Mercia Police)

“A quick call was all it took to access informal support from the Hydrant team. It didn't matter that I'm not a senior officer, we talked about my investigation, and it really helped”

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Would you like to know how the Hydrant Programme can support teams in your force?

Are you interested in hearing about best practice from complex CSAE investigations across the country?

Do you know about the range of resources available to officers and police staff at the click of a button and free of charge?

You and your team could benefit from a no cost CPD input from the Hydrant Programme review team!

The programme's **free of charge** CPD sessions will increase the knowledge and awareness of attendees around the services provided by Hydrant. The team will also give an overview of national CSAE investigative good practice and talk through current developments in policy and procedures.

The significant learning derived from the national Peer Review and Peer Support service is shared and discussed, and as part of the input, we run an interactive case study around CSAE presenting investigators with scenarios and challenges which need to be considered as part of an investigation.

"Excellent input, I have learnt so much today! Very well presented and a very enjoyable day. Thank you."

"I have known for many years what Hydrant is but not what it can do! I will now be a regular caller."

"I found it hugely beneficial to my role and will take all the information on board, I can now educate other officers regarding this."

Even more support and guidance

We have some great resources which have been developed to support you as your investigations begin and progress.

They include:

- Senior Investigating Officer advice
- Strategy documents detailing areas for consideration and national best practice for completing an investigation strategy
- Bespoke briefing documents dealing with complex investigation issues, such as witness memory
- Terms of Reference advice

Everything we provide supports investigations around the UK, upon request from the lead investigator, at no cost to the force.

Why not get in touch with our review team to find out more?

All our resources are available to policing via our Knowledge Hub group. You can join by searching online for **knowledgehub.group** or from the Hydrant Programme Review Team by emailing **HydrantReview@southyorks.pnn.police.uk**

Have you signed up to receive our twice-yearly Lessons Learnt Bulletin?

Produced in partnership with the College of Policing and the Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme, the Bulletin brings together learning from all Peer Reviews and Peer Support sessions run by each contributor. It brings those involved in vulnerability, safeguarding, investigations and public protection up to date with the latest learning. You can sign up by emailing **HydrantReview@southyorks.pnn.police.uk**.

We also produce a monthly newsletter providing updates for anyone working in this field. Want to receive a copy? Sign up by emailing the email address above.

Contact the Hydrant Programme

The Hydrant Programme team is always happy to hear from police officers and staff, no query too big (or small!)

Peer Review and Peer Support -
HydrantReview@npcc.police.uk

The team works Monday to Friday but will always be as flexible as possible to meet your needs.

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