

Contact Details

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When a mother goes to prison only 5% of the children remain in the family home.



200,000 children and young people each year experience a parent being imprisoned

Children of prisoners are twice as likely to experience mental health problems



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Invisible Lives



Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

What is a SPOC?

A designated person who is the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) lead within your organisation/school who liaises with other school staff, Invisible Lives Team and other SPOC's in the quadrant.



Invisible Lives

Invisible Lives provides specialist support to the most vulnerable groups of children, young people and their families when affected by; the criminal justice system, risk taking behaviours and hidden harms.

What does a SPOC do?

- Champions the needs of children and young people affected by parental imprisonment or the Criminal Justice System (CJS).
- Ensures a whole school approach to recognising the importance of understanding the effects of the CJS on children, young people and their families.
- The lead person for children and young people to speak to in confidence.
- The lead person for parents/carers to speak to discuss their family situation - if additional support is required complete an Invisible Lives - Child and Family Support referral.
- Ensure all staff/colleague are informed and updated on Invisible Lives and the services they offer.
- A SPOC lead can make a judgement on support required: Does the child need extra care and understanding within the school or would they benefit from Invisible Lives support or other services?

“Invisible Lives training has helped me to identify children in my school that need further support”.

“Being a SPOC has enabled me to share data and best practice with others.”

Quotes from SPOCs

“The Invisible Lives training is brilliant, I have learnt so much and I have shared my knowledge with my colleagues. I have been able to support families better”.

How to become a SPOC and what is expected of you

To become a SPOC you need to;

- Complete Invisible Lives Training
- Sign up to our charter
- Attend 3 meetings a year within your quadrant
- Share best practice and data

As a SPOC you will receive regular updates, hear from guest speakers at meetings and be invited to additional training sessions.