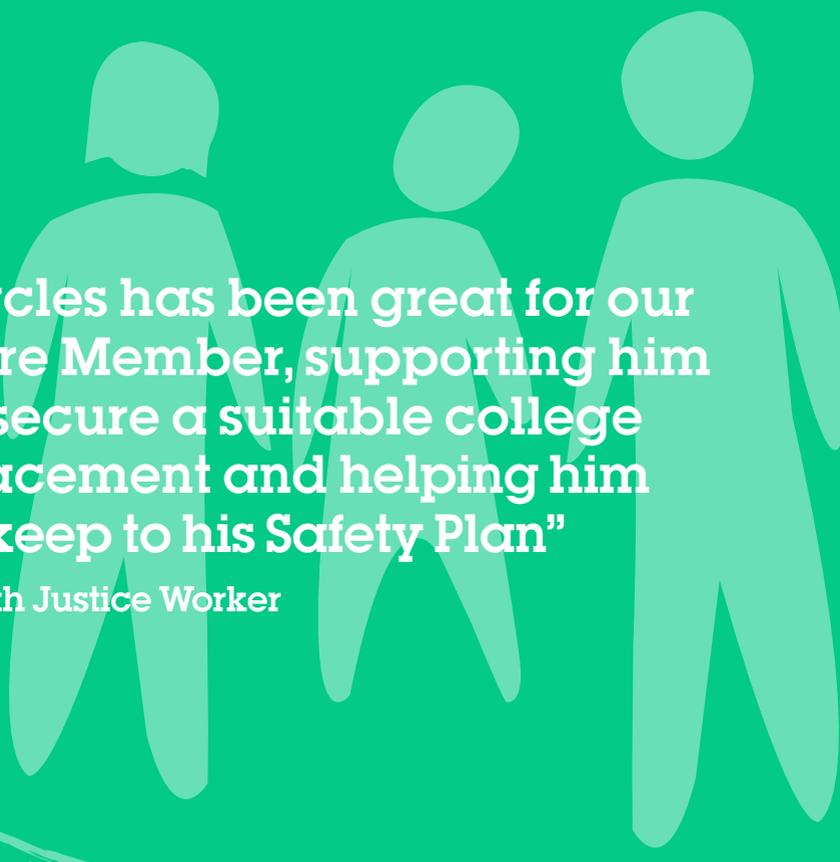


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**“Circles has been great for our
Core Member, supporting him
to secure a suitable college
placement and helping him
to keep to his Safety Plan”**

Youth Justice Worker

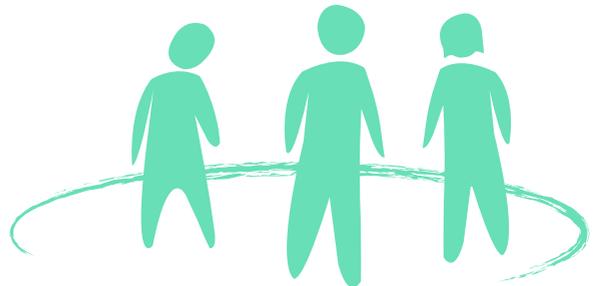


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Young Adult Circles are for young people aged between 18 and 20 who have been convicted of sexual offences or have engaged in harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) and want to stop. You may be working with Probation or have recently completed an intervention to address your HSB. Young Adult Circles are arranged by Circles South West, an independent charity established in 2010. We work with Social Care, Health, Police, Probation and Youth Justice services to provide specialist support and accountability in the community.



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How it works

A Circle consists of a Core Member (you) and up to four friendly, trained community volunteers. They will have been told about your harmful sexual behaviour and will help you avoid behaving in harmful ways in the future. Your Circle is there to support you with practical things like job interviews or application forms as well as joining community activities. Your Circle will help you take responsibility for your behaviour and you will be encouraged to talk about your thoughts and feelings.

The meetings

A Circle meets for around an hour once a week for up to 12 months. The first meeting will be at a safe, confidential venue and after that you will usually meet at a cafe or do activities such as bowling, playing pool and trampolining.

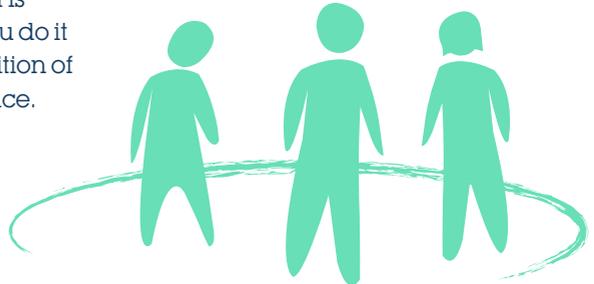
Your commitment

You don't have to join a Circle – it is voluntary - no one can make you do it and it isn't allowed to be a condition of a Community Sentence or Licence.

However, if you do decide to join a Circle, we hope you will get a lot out of it – it's a place to talk about things that are worrying you and get help for things that you find difficult. Our volunteers have chosen to give up their time to help young people build confidence and have fun.

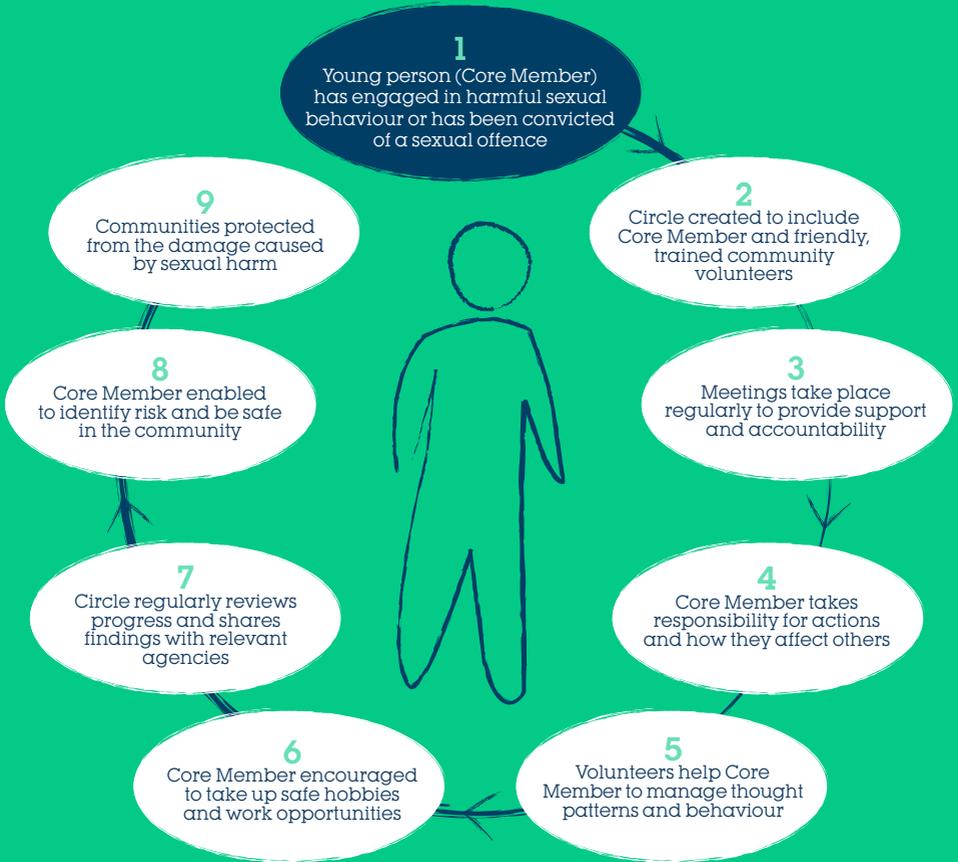
Next steps

If you are interested in joining a Circle, speak to your Probation Officer, Social Worker or Support Worker. They will complete a referral and send it to us, then someone from Circles South West will come and meet you for a chat. If it's suitable, we will try to set up your Circle as soon as possible.



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