

Are you a parent or carer of one or more children aged 9 to 17 who wants to help develop resources for parents/caregivers about online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA), particularly online grooming (OG)?

Would you like to advise us on adapting our ground-breaking, research-based DRAGON-Shield training for child-safeguarding practitioners into resources to help parents/caregivers to build their knowledge about OG communication to better support their children?

How can you help?

Working with [the Breck Foundation](#), we are looking to recruit parents/caregivers of one or more children aged 9-17 to consult on developing our **DRAGON-Shield training for a parent/caregiver audience**. You will be invited to:

- Attend a **virtual welcome meeting** with the DRAGON and Breck Foundation teams (30 minutes) – Monday 19th May 2025
- Complete a **brief online survey** to help identify current knowledge and perceived needs (15 minutes) – May 2025
- Attend **2 virtual co-creation workshops**, led by the DRAGON team with support from the Breck Foundation (4 hours overall) – Monday 19th May and Monday 16th June 2025.

Based on your input, the **DRAGON** team will then develop **DRAGON-Shield for parents/caregivers**: an OG prevention and support-oriented resource for a parent/caregiver audience in a format aimed at widespread dissemination.

What's in it for me?

- **Free, exclusive access to ground-breaking research-based training** about how communication works in OG.
- **Access to advice and support** from the DRAGON team, as required.
- **To be part of shaping plans for adapting DRAGON-Shield for parents/caregivers** across the world to enhance the protection and support that child victims of OG receive.
- **A priority space in a subsequent project to pilot the DRAGON-Shield for parents/carers resource** (anticipated September – October 2025)

How do I get involved?

[Sign up](#) by **18.05.2025** and join us to realise our aim of safeguarding children from sexual abuse.

Tell me more about DRAGON-Shield for child-safeguarding practitioners

DRAGON (<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/project-dragon-s/>) is a not-for-profit, research programme based at Swansea University. Our mission is to apply our research to protect children from OCSEA through the development of practical tools. **DRAGON-Shield for child-safeguarding practitioners** is one of our core tools. It is the **only training suite in existence** that explores the ways groomers and children communicate with each other during OG conversations. You can learn more about **DRAGON-Shield** in [a brief demo video](#). You can also read more about how **DRAGON-Shield for child safeguarding practitioners** was developed and the results of its piloting and independent evaluation [here](#).