



Confidentiality Agreement

STOP does not promise absolute confidentiality to anyone involved with the Programme. However, no one outside STOP will have access to any information about you without you knowing about it.

What you can be confident of is that we will treat you and what you tell us with absolute respect. In this area of work we are involved with your's, and other's safety and well-being.

Therefore if we have reason to believe you are at risk of harming yourself, or someone else is at risk, or we are concerned about someone else's well being - someone needs to take responsibility for these matters.

If we had those concerns we would talk with you about what you could do. We hope if concerns are pointed out you will be able and committed to ensuring your own or someone else's safety or well being. However if you were unwilling or unable to take responsibility, we may decide further action is necessary. In this case someone else would need to be advised, or information shared. In that case, even if you didn't want us to, we would tell you we were going to release information. That may involve advising Police, the Child, Youth & Family Service, a member of your family or the affected person's family.

You can be confident that:-

- a) if at all possible we will first talk with you if we have any concerns and give you the opportunity to take responsibility in these matters,
- b) only release information about you in cases of safety and well-being,
- c) ensure you know who we are going to talk to, and what we are going to talk to them about,
- d) give you a copy of any written release of information or notification.

It happens very rarely that we have to action this policy but we believe you should know what our bottom line is about the management of information.

We are happy to answer any questions about this policy.

I have read, understood and agree to the conditions of the STOP Adult Programme Confidentiality Agreement.

Signed:

Participant:

STOP Clinician

Date:
