



### **Biography**

#### **Chief Executive of Operations**

#### **Sheila Taylor MBE**

With over 28 years' experience in the voluntary sector and over 16 years understanding and tackling the issues behind child sexual exploitation, Sheila Taylor MBE has dedicated much of her life to helping to protect children from those who would abuse them.

Child sexual exploitation is an uncomfortable topic; one which is easy for society to sweep under the carpet away from discussion. It can be difficult to accept that such abhorrent and predatory crime could be happening on your doorstep, at your local park, to your child.

As the recipient of an MBE for services to children, Sheila has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Her efforts have not only raised awareness of child sexual exploitation amongst authorities and the general public but have helped to prevent it.

Sheila's extensive experience and dedication to the prevention of child sexual exploitation has also seen her actively involved in criminal cases. In 2011 the conviction of nine men found guilty of grooming young girls owed much to Sheila and her work at the time as Chief Executive of Safe and Sound Derby.

Having previously managed projects working first hand with victims of child sexual exploitation, young runaways and several years volunteering with the Princes Trust, Sheila has continually worked to help empower young people to achieve against all the odds.

Sheila Taylor's extensive experience in dealing with and understanding child sexual exploitation and internal human trafficking has made her a leading figure in its prevention, advising on national and local policy informed by practice.

As CEO of the NGW Network, Sheila is extremely committed to working with other organisations, local government and authorities in the eradication of child sexual exploitation and ensuring that those who have suffered at the hands of an abusive adult receive the best possible victim support and care.