

CASE STUDY

JAY'S STORY

SAFER THROUGH SAFESIDE

Beneath Jay's seemingly popular exterior was a young man teetering on the edge of disaster.

He was referred to us by his Mum with a history of 'inappropriate behaviour', frequently getting into situations that were unsafe and with limited understanding of the potential consequences.

After a formal police 'chat' about viewing inappropriate content online (case later closed), Mum tried to remove temptation by confiscating Jay's electronic devices. His school introduced one-on-one safeguarding support all day, every day. The outcome was a refusal from the college he wanted to attend based on the concerns.

Over six months, we worked with Jay on different scenarios and how to deal with them.

We talked about good friendships and making good choices in spite of peer pressure. We thought about appropriate relationships and connecting with people his own age, not younger. We worked through sex and contraception too.

Drawing on this knowledge to get out of a bad situation recently made Mum so proud she cried. And the college that didn't want to take him? We managed to set up a meeting where Jay could talk openly about his progress so far. They have now accepted Jay and his course starts in September.

Jay is building on these skills and foundations to form new friendships and relationships in the community ready to move on to the next stage of his life.



Young people on a Grapevine project