

WSCB Child Sexual Exploitation Sub Group – 2013-14 Action Plan

1. Improve early intervention of child sexual exploitation

There is a need to:

- raise awareness amongst all professionals in all services both in the statutory and voluntary sector about their role in identifying and responding to child sexual exploitation,
- raise awareness amongst parents, carers and the public regarding the risks of child sexual exploitation, including how to refer concerns and access support quickly,
- provide information and raise awareness of the risk of sexual exploitation with children and young people in Warwickshire.

Action	Lead	Timescale	Output	Progress to date		Status
1.1 Undertake an initial awareness raising across the safeguarding workforce about factors that may increase vulnerability to child sexual exploitation, as well as signs that it is occurring.	CSE Sub- committee	End of May 2013	 Communication plan within each safeguarding agency. Resources produced. Resources distributed. 	includes basic a for CSE. Members provid link to 'Say Son	an completed which awareness training ded with the website nething if you See dissemination to	Complete Complete

	CSE Sub- committee chair			Log in requests submitted for members of the sub-group. WSCB training developed and delivery mechanisms agreed	Complete
 1.2 Produce a workforce development plan that:- enables professionals to identify signs and risk factors; ensures practitioners respond in accordance with WSCB procedures; Promote an understanding that young people's behaviour should not be dismissed as rebellious or consenting to abuse. 	Training Sub- committee	April 2014 Dec 2014 Dec 2014	 Workforce development plan in place. Programme of training and opportunities in place commensurate with the role and responsibility of practitioners. 	Proposed training plan reviewed at the Training sub-committee meeting. Wilma developed for e-learning. Including the PACE e-learning package which is now linked to the WSCB and WCC websites. Training for practitioners and managers arranged and has been reviewed in light of the first session completed 'Train the trainer' approach to be used to ensure sustainability of change and best practice. Just Whistle training being commissioned for this.	Complete Completed Completed
 1.3 Engage schools with a view to ensuring children and young people receive information and education about:- How to stay safe in 	Schools Learning & Education Sub- committee	Academic year 2013 – 14.	 Deliver PHSE on CSE in Local Schools. Ensure that school PHSE materials on e- 	Schools have curriculum on staying safe but investigation is needed to identify the use. Respect Work delivered in	Completed but now for review in light of scoping exercise

 the community; and How to stay safe on line. 			•	safety include material on CSE. Targeted Support for Young People to deliver within the community to most vulnerable groups and individuals.	Kenilworth School. Package for use in PHSE piloted and ready for use in schools. Targeted youth support have confirmed that due to reduction in service provision this is being undertaken only with identified individuals. LT to identify if a link could be made to the CEOP website on the Respect website for use by TSYP Voluntary sector including 'Safeline' and 'ROSA' have delivered training for young people in schools.	results Completed but now for review in light of scoping exercise results
1.4 Raise awareness of signs and symptoms of child sexual exploitation with parents/carers and the wider community.	Comms & Strategy Sub- committee This action has been returned to the CSE Sub- group	April 2014	•	Communications Plan. Communications activity.	The PACE e-learning package will be linked to the WSCB and WCC, FIS and Respect websites. All members have been given access to the NWG website and therein poster for use in agency buildings.	Completed Completed

2. Improve statutory responses and the provision of services

Develop an effective local strategy which provides a coordinated multi-agency response to CSE, based on a robust, thorough risk assessment of the extent and nature of CSE locally.

Put in place systems to monitor on-going prevalence and responses to CSE within agencies, making use of existing monitoring tools like the one developed by Barnardo's.

Develop links with neighbouring authorities and meet them on a formal basis and where required where there are cross border concerns.

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2.1 Complete and distribute CSE safeguarding procedures	CSE working group Systems, Procedures and Guidelines Subcommittee	April 2013	For procedures to be on WSCB websites and distributed electronically to members.	Completed and posted to the website	Complete
2.2 Ensuring that individual agency CSE strategies and procedures are linked together to ensure a coherent multiagency response.	CSE Subcommittee	February 2014	All agencies have strategies and procedures, consistent with one another.	Agencies have been identified for the sub- group.	Complete
2.3 Map the links to the National and regional	CSE Subcommittee	September 2013	To have clarity of links ensure information is	The sub group is now associated with the National and regional groups and information from these informs the ongoing WSCB	Complete

organisations and strategies dealing with CSE.			-	ared with SCB.	strategy.	
2.4 Review the arrangements to support, protect and safeguard the welfare of child	CSE Sub- committee	June 2014	•	Scoping exercise	Scoping exercise completed which identified that the level of awareness of CSE is not consistent across agencies. New tasks identified:-	Complete
wenare of child witnesses.		Jan 2015	•	Gaps identified	Training to be refreshed and a further scoping exercise undertaken.	On track
					Whilst Warwickshire is safeguarding young people its' ability to respond consistently to cases identified as CSE is not robust enough. Sub-group agreed to multi-agency service provision:-	On track
	Police sub- group member	Sept 2014	•	Policing level determined and met.	Police have agreed to provide 6 investigating officers, a data analyst and a researcher.	
	Health sub- group member	Oct 2014	•	Health provision determined and met.	Level of provision being determined.	On track
	Children's services sub- group member	Oct 2014	•	Children's social care provision determined and met.	Level of provision being determined.	On track

3. Improve the evidence base

Map the instances of CSE known to each agency in order to identify levels of CSE and locations or circumstances where children are particularly at risk.

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3.1 Complete a scoping exercise of secondary school age children and young people in Warwickshire.	CSE Subcommittee.	July 2014	Production of a report for WSCB	This has been undertaken and report submitted to the WSCB	Completed
3.2 A system in place that can link both intelligence and	CSE Subcommittee	April 2014	Monitoring and review of individual cases that arise over	Working group to agree a data set to support performance reporting for CSE identification, prosecution and evaluation.	Not completed
hard information from previous and current cases.			the year. To ensure we are able to identify serial perpetrators and repeat	Safeguarding children's lead had previously confirmed the number of MASEs undertaken to date. This to be provided to each CSE sub- group meeting for review of effectiveness of procedures.	Completed
	CSE Subcommittee		victims.	Information regarding investigations undertaken and prosecutions brought has not been achieved due to challenges in the police recording and reporting systems.	Not Completed
				Performance and monitoring sub-committee to	Not Completed

				include this in the regular reporting to WSCB.	
3.3 Produce a local problem profile of child sexual exploitation in Warwickshire, to support safeguarding and criminal investigations.	CSE Subcommittee	December 2013	Annual Report to WSCB	Police profile was presented to the WSCB Annual Conference. Plan will be refreshed and the new profile provided for October 2014.	Completed
3.4	CSE Working group	July 2014	Needs and service analyse	To be completed using results from the scoping exercise and workshop in May 2014. Rescheduled for Feb 2015	Not completed due to delay in the scoping report.

4. Improve prosecution procedures

To increase the number of cases that lead to a conviction, action is needed to improve police, prosecution and court practice, particularly in supporting victims to act as witnesses.

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4.1 Review the arrangements to support, protect	CSE Subcommittee	July 2014	•	Review completed	CPS have confirmed that they have applied the CPS guidance for safeguarding victims of CSE.	Completed
and safeguard the welfare of child witnesses.			•	Gaps identified	CPS now attend the CSE sub-committee	Completed
			•	Improved	PVP is now leading on CSE and helping to review cases through the HAU.	Completed
				support to child witnesses.	Barnardo's support worker is working with victims to provide support. PCC has awarded a grant to increase the number of Barnardo's support workers to two.	On track
					The Victim and Witness Information Partnership has now been dissolved as a result of Warwickshire/West Mercia Alliance so will not be in a position to offer premium support to victims of CSE.	
	CSE sub-		•	Parent	Sub group have agreed to adopt the	

	committee		support service	'Relationship Model for CSE to support retention of CSE victims in the family and increase the potential for successful prosecutions through increase attendance of victims and parents at court.	
4.2 Ensure that the Warwickshire & West Mercia Police CSE Strategy takes cognizance of the WSCB Strategy and Action Plan and the ACPO CSE Action Plan	Police	January 2014	Action Plans are consistent	Warwickshire, West Mercia Police CSE Strategy is under development.	