

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK GROUP - CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

THURSDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER 2016, 3.00 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

The following presentation was delivered to the above meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Child Sexual Exploitation.

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Overview and Scrutiny
Child Sexual Exploitation & Safeguarding

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Date

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What are our roles and responsibilities as Chorley Council?

- **Safeguarding** – is everyone’s responsibility
- **Partnership Approach - Community Safety Partnership and Lancashire Children and Young People’s Trust, Lancashire Safeguarding Children and Young People’s Trust Board** – major contributor to these plans and protocols. Share good practice and implement codes of practice within operational work.
- **Early intervention and Action** – specific role of Intervention and Prevention Officer. Integrated into job role which covers a range of tasks to provide advice and support to colleagues across the Council, link into Deter team and help to share appropriate information so cases can be identified early on.
- **Licensing** - recommendations from serious case reviews and prosecutions

Safeguarding

- The focus of approaches to tackling child sexual exploitation should be on **ensuring young people's safety, protection and wellbeing** rather than managing their challenging or risk taking behaviour.

Source: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-protection-system/case-reviews/learning/child-sexual-exploitation/> Nov 2013

- **Training of staff** - on-line training via LCC website and Just Whistle specialist CSE train the trainer training (Dec 2015). More training planned for Jan/Feb 2017 across the workforce.
- **Safeguarding procedures** review via internal audit (July 2016)
- **Implementation** of recommendations Nov 2016.
- **Safeguarding Internal Board** – key staff. Meet regularly, staff support for specific cases, appropriate sharing of information, escalation to Children's Social Care (Multi-agency safeguarding hub).

Early Intervention & Action

- Part of the specific role of Intervention and Prevention Officer
- Campaigns – currently in CSE awareness week (5th- 12th November)
- Publicising training
- Clear referral processes
- Partnership - member of the MACE meetings, task and finish group.

Licensing

- Reviewed our convictions policy to incorporate safeguarding – agreed in November 2015 (Taxi's only).
- Training – taxi trade. 4 days (= 16 sessions). 217 + 40 through mop up.
- Updated DBS scheme – electronic
- Introducing safeguarding policy for broader licensing issues e.g. street trading. Feb 2017.
- Do want to broaden CSE awareness & safeguarding training to other aspects of licensing.

Conclusion

Child Sexual Exploitation is child abuse

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

The biggest risk factors are AGE & OPPORTUNITY

Opportunities to work together – elected members and community are part of the solution.

Role of early intervention & preventative agencies to work together in supporting children and young people who have suffered and helping to identify vulnerabilities.

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