

MINUTES OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK GROUP - CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

MEETING DATE Tuesday, 2 August 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Roy Lees (Chair), and Councillors John Dalton, Mark Jarnell, Margaret Lees, Alistair Morwood and Kim Snape

OFFICERS: Chris Sinnott (Director (Policy and Governance)), Louise Elo (Head of Early Intervention), Rachel Austen and Cathryn Filbin (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Sheila Long and Richard Toon

16.CSE1 Declarations of Any Interests

There were no declarations of interest received.

16.CSE2 Child Sexual Exploitation

The Chair welcomed members of the Task Group reviewing Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) to the first meeting.

Members of the Task Group received a presentation which included –

- explanation of the sexual exploitation
- prevalence of CSE
- the process of identification CSE
- case reviews
- learning for improved practice
- legislation

Through the case studies members of the Task Group considered reasons for each child's vulnerability.

At this point Councillor Morwood left the meeting and left notes with Cllr Roy Lees to provide input into the discussion

16.CSE3 Scoping of the review

Members of the Task Group were invited to put forward their suggested objectives, outcomes and who they wanted to interview as part of the review.

The following elements form the scoping of the review:

Objectives

- To understand the definition and issues surrounding Child Sexual Exploitation;
- To gain an understanding of the Council's policies and procedures and how they complement those of our partners;
- Identify those services that were most likely to receive intelligence about service users who were potentially at risk or those perpetrating the abuse and understand the reporting mechanisms officers use to report such intelligence.

Outcomes

- An understanding of the Council's policies and procedures and how they complement those of our partners;
- To make recommendations on any changes to the Council's process and procedures to ensure they are as robust as possible;
- An understanding of the role of the Councillor in the future management and control of services;
- For all Councillors to undertake on-line Child Sexual Exploitation and Safeguarding training.

Terms of reference

To understand the Council's requirements in protection of those children and young people who are being/or at risk of being sexually exploited.

To identify key services that have the potential to receive intelligence about those children and young people who were being sexual exploited or at risk of being so, and possible perpetrators of the exploitation either directly or indirectly.

To ensure that the Council's policies and procedures are robust and ensure that any gaps identified were adequately addressed.

To ensure all Councillors are made aware of their responsibilities when it comes to identifying and reporting Child Sexual Exploitation.

Consult partners

Representatives from –
DETER Team, Lancashire Police,
Education sector (eg pastoral care representative)
Children's Services
Relevant agency from the voluntary sector

AGREED – The Democratic and Member Services office complete the scoping template on the basis of the above information for approval by the Chair and members of the Task Group.

16.CSE4 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

AGREED – That the Task Group aimed to conclude the review for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2017.

The Task Group had been scheduled as follows:-

- **Wednesday, 21 September at 4pm – interviews with partners**
- **Thursday, 27 October at 4pm – interviews with partners**
- **Thursday, 10 November at 4pm – the final meeting to bring together all the recommendation**

Chair

Date