

Report of	Meeting	Date
Deputy Chief Executive	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2 July 2020

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION MONITORING REPORT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To update the committee on progress made in responding to the recommendations made by the overview and scrutiny task and finish group on tackling child sexual exploitation (CSE).

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the report be noted.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities	✓	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	

BACKGROUND

- The final report of the Overview and Scrutiny task and finish group on Child Sexual Exploitation was presented to Executive Cabinet in August 2017. The Executive Cabinet accepted the recommendations made and approved an action plan to deliver against the recommendations.
- This report presents an update on the implementation of that action plan.

UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN

6. Set out in the table below is an update against the action plan.

KEY AREA	ACTION	Completed
Training and awareness raising for Elected Members and Officers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elected members provided with training by Lancashire Police including awareness and referral pathways. 2. Licencing and Public Safety Committee members provided with training and any new members appointed to the Committee to include CSE and safeguarding awareness and referral pathways. 3. A further training session will be provided to elected members including new members. To include partnership approaches such as contact with every child & young person matter and referral pathways. 4. Officer training – e-learning Emerge – mandatory – include awareness and referral pathways. 5. All Regulatory Services Officers received training and information regarding safeguarding and CSE 6. Support campaigns in relation to CSE and Safeguarding issues i.e. CSE Week – utilising social media and other forms of publication 7. Working with partners to produce an appropriate package of training specifically relating to CSE to be delivered to the targeted officers who already receive safeguarding training. 	<p>Completed during the task and finish group review</p> <p>Training was organised and delivered by an external provider in 2017/18, and was refreshed on the 9&15 July 2020</p> <p>This was delivered through a Member Learning Session</p> <p>Completed alongside safeguarding training packages.</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Publicity supported annually for CSE awareness day – completed and ongoing</p> <p>Training completed across Chorley and South Ribble Partners 'Not just our daughters' delivered by Yorkshire Mesmac</p>
Taxi Trade and Licencing community training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training to be put on for Taxi Licence holders every 3 months, until this is available online. 2. Wider licencing trade to be invited to attend training as part of CSE Awareness Week. Suggested theatre group and workshop – feedback to be used to inform future events. 	<p>Completed and ongoing</p> <p>Not completed</p>
Work with partners in producing appropriate materials /	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to engage with High School Safeguarding Leads – pass on material/learning/advice on a regular basis 	Ongoing

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<p>delivering events to raise CSE awareness amongst parents and guardians, improve links and maintain links with secondary and primary schools</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Continue to work with Early Action Team (Police) in relation to their work within primary and secondary school and provide assistance where appropriate. 3. Work with other partners in relation to CSE & Safeguarding awareness/training for school/teachers/parents utilising theatre company style. 4. Task and Finish Group to be convened and include Safeguarding lead from Parkland Academy and a primary school. 5. Hold central list of Safeguarding leads for all Secondary & Primary schools in Chorley. Utilise LCC and Early Action for these links. 	<p>This work continues, through the community safety partnership and the multi-agency PIVOT process.</p> <p>Delivered through the 'Chelsea's Choice' project across Chorley and South Ribble</p> <p>The task group was created and worked on the Chelsea's Choice project.</p> <p>Contact is established through the various head teacher cluster arrangements in place</p>
<p>Elected members personal safety guidance</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Democratic Services to provide guidance to members in relation to personal safety including appropriate conduct and disciplinary procedures. 	<p>Completed</p>
<p>The Council to continue to raise awareness within the community</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regulatory Manager to develop a Safeguarding and CSE awareness handbook for the taxi trade and designed a contact card to accompany the badge and licence. 2. A safeguarding and CSE element to be included in the new online taxi trade knowledge test and also used for drivers at renewal. 3. Liaise with Police Deter team in relation to new publications from Lancashire Police 	<p>Completed in September 2017</p> <p>Knowledge test currently being reviewed – conversion to online test will include safeguarding and CSE 2020</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

7. While many of the original actions and recommendations have been implemented, it is important to note that many relate to training and awareness raising. It will be important to ensure that this continues to ensure that Officers and Members are aware of the risk of CSE and the processes that are in place to protect children. Work over the next twelve months will include:
- a. Including refresher training for members of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee
 - b. Awareness raising for Members about safeguarding and CSE
 - c. Continued development of the training for the taxi trade around CSE, including the introduction of online taxi trade knowledge test that covers CSE.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

8. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area	✓	Policy and Communications	

RISK

A risk register has been completed	Yes	No
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COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

9. No comment

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

10. In March 2013, the national definition of domestic and sexual abuse changed to include victims aged 16 and 17 years. There is a pervasive duty of the Council under the Children Act 2004 as well as the duty to only grant taxi driver licences to fit and proper persons in Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. Child Sexual Exploitation has had a high profile for several years and is clearly a key issue when considering how local resources are required to coalesce to ensure that there is sufficient strategic planning, driven from the very top of the organisation, to drive and maintain focus and meeting the challenge posed by this serious type of sexual abuse.

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Laura-Jean Taylor		11 March 2020	Child Sexual Exploitation Monitoring Report

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report Author	Ext	Date	Doc ID
Chris Sinnott		11 October 2018	Child Sexual Exploitation Monitoring Report