

**Overview and Scrutiny**  
**Child Sexual Exploitation & Safeguarding**

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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 (5<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> 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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