

Sefton LSCB Child Sexual Exploitation 'Strategy on a Page'



GOVERNANCE

As a consequence, making sure that CSE remains high level, strategic priority throughout the sub-region to improve the lives of vulnerable young people.

- The Local Safeguarding Children Board will nominate a member of the board who will act as the 'lead professional'. Each agency of the Local Safeguarding Children Board will also nominate a lead professional, who will act as the agencies single point of contact for all matters relating to child sexual exploitation and will also be responsible for providing advice and support to their agencies workers. The Cheshire and Merseyside Multi-Agency Child Sexual Exploitation Protocol will form part of the Pan Cheshire / Merseyside Safeguarding Children Procedures.
- The Local Safeguarding Children's Boards are responsible for
 - The Local Safeguarding Children Board's lead professional for child sexual exploitation will, on behalf of the Local Safeguarding Children's Boards organise a quarterly multi agency meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be:
 - To review performance in relation to the response of member agencies.
 - To review the local implementation of the protocols
 - To identify areas of concerns.
 - To identify any patterns and trends in reports of child sexual exploitation.
 - To develop local strategies/ plans to address concerns/ patterns/ trends.

PROSECUTE

STRATEGIC ACTION 6: DISRUPTION

- Use disruption of perpetrator activity as an important tool in preventing child sexual exploitation.
- Work together across all agencies to develop appropriate disruption tactics Individual.
- Actively plan how each agency can contribute to disrupting perpetrator behaviour.

PROTECT

STRATEGIC ACTION 5: SAFEGUARDING

The Cheshire and Merseyside Local Safeguarding Children Boards will each:

- Develop a Child Sexual Exploitation multi-agency protocol which sets out the standards and provides guidance for multi-agency working in tackling child sexual exploitation.

- Ensure that responses to concerns about child sexual exploitation are managed via a multi-agency process and in accordance with these protocols.

- Ensure information is shared appropriately and especially with children's services and the Police.

- Ensure that individual agencies to develop their own policies and practice guidance which sets standards relating to how that agency responds to / works towards tackling child sexual exploitation. This will be monitored by the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

- Ensure agencies work together in recording and monitoring the prevalence of child sexual exploitation.

- Evaluate the effectiveness of service provision and identify and fill any gaps in service provision in supporting children and their families.

- Provide ongoing scrutiny and governance of policy, procedure and practice in service delivery.

STRATEGIC ACTION 7 : BRINGING OFFENDERS TO JUSTICE

- Ensuring abusers are brought to justice in an effective and appropriate way to safeguard children and young people. Offenders must be held to account for their behaviour.
- A clear understanding needs to be developed and agreed about the balance between the welfare of the child and the criminal justice considerations.

All agencies will:

- Ensure that workers co-operate with Police investigators in relation to the detection and prosecution of crime.
- Ensure appropriate information is shared with the police, information and intelligence sharing is crucial part of the investigation process victims of child sexual abuse.

The police will:

- Ensure that victims of child sexual exploitation are appropriately supported through the investigation and court process.
- Ensure offenders are identified / targeted.
- Ensure children involved in sexual exploitation are treated as victims.

PROFILE

STRATEGIC ACTION 1: PROFILING

- Assess the awareness and levels of understanding of professionals in relation to child sexual exploitation.
- Identify the prevalence and models of child sexual exploitation in the area.

STRATEGIC ACTION 2: SERVICE PROVISION

- Map the availability of services for supporting sexually exploited children and young people.
- Focus on the needs of children and young people who may be sexually exploited when planning and commissioning services.

PREVENT

STRATEGIC ACTION 3: PREVENTION

Awareness Raising with Children and Families:

Work with parents and carers to supplement and reinforce that awareness.

- Engage with children and young people to ensure they have an understanding of the issues surrounding child sexual exploitation.
- Develop activities which will dissuade children and young people becoming involved in child sexual exploitation.
- Awareness Raising in communities and Community Engagement.
- Develop community intelligence to understand child sexual exploitation.
- Raise awareness of targeted groups / organisations, for example, taxi, hotel and leisure organisations.
- Engage with our local communities and raise awareness of CSE and how it affects individuals.
- Undertake proactive communication with the media.

STRATEGIC ACTION 4: TRAINING

- Undertake a review of all single and multi-agency training for professionals in terms of content and targeted delivery.
- As Local Safeguarding Children Boards, ensure the provision of appropriate multi agency training.

As single agencies, devise training to:

- Ensure staff working with or in contact with children are able to identify those children and young people at risk of child sexual exploitation.
- Ensure staff working with or in contact with children are able to identify activities employed by offenders / abusers.
- Ensure staff know what interventions are appropriate and how to implement and/or signpost to appropriate agencies / services.
- Ensure that the provision of training for their agency is delivered in line with the role of the professional and the level of detail they require.