



## Social Care Services Board 9 July 2015

### **Purpose of the report:** Scrutiny of Services

To update on the activities currently being undertaken within the partnership to address Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Surrey led by the Surrey Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB).

### **Definition of Child Sexual Exploitation:**

‘Sexual exploitation of children and young people under 18 involves exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where young people (or a third person or persons) receive ‘something’ (e.g. food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of them performing, and/or another or others performing on them, sexual activities. Child sexual exploitation can occur through the use of technology without the child's immediate recognition; for example being persuaded to post sexual images on the Internet/mobile phones without immediate payment or gain. In all cases, those exploiting the child/young person have power over them by virtue of their age, gender, intellect, physical strength and/or economic or other resources. Violence, coercion and intimidation are common, involvement in exploitative relationships being characterised in the main by the child or young person's limited availability of choice resulting from their social/economic and/or emotional vulnerability’.

### **Introduction:**

1. CSE work has been undertaken for many years across the partnership but the most recently published national reports such as Rotherham, Rochdale and Oxfordshire and a number of high profile prosecutions have brought additional focus to this area of work. The findings of these reports together with an OFSTED Thematic inspection report on CSE has resulted in specific focus on CSE/ Missing and Trafficked Children in the current OFSTED Inspection Framework.

2. The recently published OFSTED report relating to Surrey County Council's (SCC) Children's Services further focussed work, led by the SSCB, to respond to both national and local challenges.
3. In June 2015, the SSCB was inspected, as a standalone inspection, following its report from the November 2014 Pilot Integrated Inspection having been successfully challenged and set aside.

### **Summary of Activity**

4. CSE structure and governance arrangements have been revised and strengthened to ensure that there are clear accountabilities and reporting lines from operational front line practice through to Cabinet.
5. The CSE Strategy is being reviewed and updated to reflect additional priorities. Clear objectives have been identified to:
  - Ensure appropriate and effective Governance arrangements are in place.
  - Enable scoping of the nature and scale of CSE in Surrey.
  - Identify key milestones and performance indicators which will measure progress and impact.
  - Create a problem profile within Surrey.
  - Review multi agency information sharing to enable early intervention and in the sharing of "soft intelligence".
  - Prevent CSE through a cohesive and extensive programme of awareness raising, targeted campaigns and workforce development.
  - Protect young people from CSE.
  - Bring perpetrators to justice.
6. The CSE Action plan has been mapped against national learning, reviewed and revised. The plan follows the structure of the National Action Plan for CSE using the themes of Prepare, Prevent, Protect and Pursue.

### **CSE Strategy Group**

7. The CSE Strategy Group has met twice on the 15 April 2015 and 23 June 2015 and is driving forward the work of the Board. The group meets bi-monthly and provides update reports to every meeting of the SSCB.
8. The CSE Strategy Group holds to account the Surrey Oversight MAECC (Multi agency Exploited Children Conference) and seeks

assurance from this group of the effectiveness of the work of the MAECC and four area MAECCs.

### **Progress reported to SSCB 12 May 2015**

9. In addition to the above activity, the CSE lists, of children known to be at risk of CSE have been reviewed and levels of risk assessed and agreed.
10. Area MAECCs have held inaugural meetings and follow on meetings have now been set. Head of Safeguarding, SCC Children's Services and Head of Public Protection, Surrey Police will be attending these meetings initially.
11. The MAECC Oversight Group has also met for the first time chaired by the Head of Safeguarding. The group agreed a referral process to the Area MAECCs which has been added to the Terms of Reference.
12. The Safeguarding Unit has recruited a MAECC Administrator to co-ordinate the work of the Area and Oversight groups
13. The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Governance Board met in a facilitated meeting on 6 May 2015 with the Police MASH Consultants presenting their findings to partners. It was agreed by all partners that the development of the MASH should now move forward to provide a 'single front door' structure under a project manager.
14. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey have organised a meeting with voluntary sector and front-line providers to discuss CSE. This could provide an opportunity to fill the on-going intelligence gap around certain aspects of CSE in the county.

### **Conclusions:**

The SSCB will continue to lead developments in this area of work and hold partners to account to ensure that the Action Plan is delivered to appropriate timescales and that the impact of work by all agencies is monitored and reported upon as agreed by the SSCB.

### **Recommendations:**

This paper is for information only and there are no specific recommendations for the Social Care Services Board to take forward.

### **Next steps:**

SSCB Annual report will be published autumn 2015 and will include a further update of activity.

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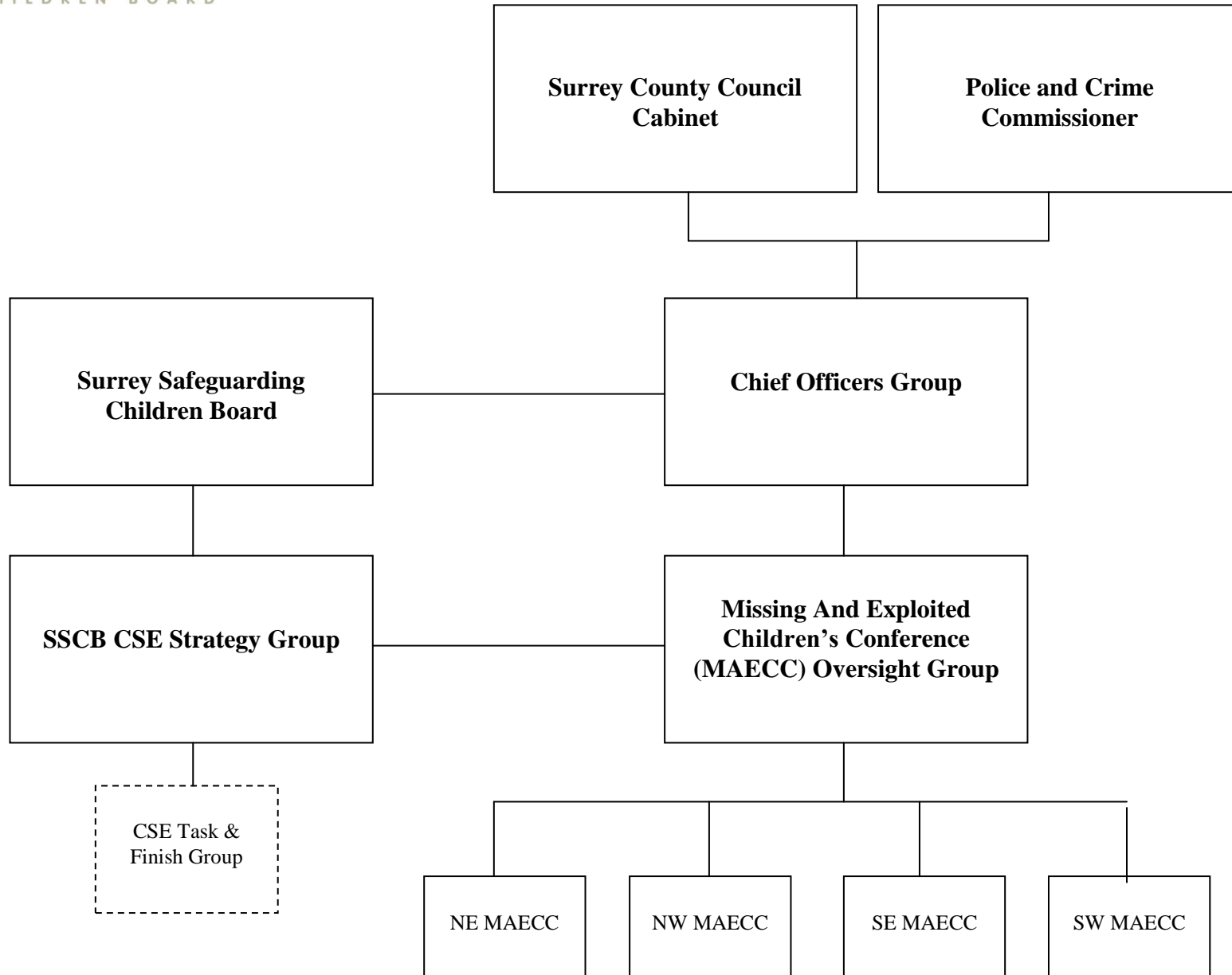
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**Sources/background papers:**

Appendix A: CSE Governance Structure

Appendix B: CSE Strategy Group Terms of Reference





**Surrey Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) Child Sexual Exploitation Strategic Group**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>SSCB Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy Group</b>	
<b>Chair</b>	Stuart Cundy, ACC Specialist Crime, Surrey Police	
<b>Membership</b>	Surrey Police Surrey Police Health Health Health SCC SCC SCC SCC SCC National Probation Service Seetec Boroughs and Districts OPCC Phase Council SSCB SSCB	ACC Specialist Crime Head of Public Protection Designated Doctor Designated Nurse CCG Safeguarding Lead/Director of Quality AD, Children’s Services AD, for Young People Head of Safeguarding – Children’s Services Director of Public Health Head of Safeguarding – Adult Services Safeguarding lead Safeguarding lead Safeguarding Lead to represent all Bs+Ds Assistant Commissioner Secondary Head Teacher Partnership Support Manager Administrator
	Additional colleagues/partners may be invited to join the group or provide specialist input when required.	
<b>Aim / Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The overall aim of the group is to reduce the risks to children and young people vulnerable to sexual exploitation by overseeing the effectiveness of multi agency activity in this area of practice.</li> <li>• The Group will oversee and receive reports from Surrey MAECC Oversight Group and report to the SSCB. See structural diagram attached</li> <li>• The group will develop monitor and review the SSCB CSE Strategy and oversee the implementation of the action plan for Safeguarding Children and Young People from Sexual Exploitation, in line with recommendations from the OFSTED</li> </ul>	

	thematic review and the OCC and published reports.	
<b>Objectives.</b>	<p><b>Strategic Objectives:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To stop CSE from happening</li> <li>2. To identify and safeguard victims</li> <li>3. To bring offenders to justice</li> </ol>	
<b>Relationship of this group to other groups / meetings</b>	<p>The CSE Strategic Group will hold the Surrey MAECC to account and request assurance of the effectiveness of the work of MAECC and the 4 Area MAECCs. Progress will be reported to the SSCB every quarter through the SSCB Operations Group and every 2 months to SSCB in 2015/16.</p> <p>CSE Strategy Group to link to the Community Safety Partnership</p> <p>CSE Strategy Group will report to the SSCB bi-monthly.</p>	
<b>Resources.</b>	<p>Meeting room  Refreshments  Staff time  Other resource requirements will be identified by the group and fed back to SSCB</p>	
<b>Frequency and location of group</b>	Group to meet bi-monthly	
<b>Admin arrangements</b>	Provided by the SSCB	
<b>Date ToR agreed</b>	March 2015	<b>Review:</b> March 2016

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