



SURREY

Social Care Services Board

DATE: 25/11/16

TITLE: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) updates

Purpose of report: To provide the board with an update on recommendations made at the September 2016 meeting in regard to partnership work to tackle child sexual exploitation

Introduction:

1. The recommendations requested by the board are as follows:
 - That officers develop the work to support families in identification of CSE, and how parenting tools can help them reduce risk. ***Please refer to point 3***
 - That officers, the Clinical Commissioning Groups and Adult Social Care give further consideration to what therapeutic support can be commissioned to support those victims of CSE, both as children and in later life. ***Please refer to point 4***
 - That officers provide a further short report to the Board on efforts to engage faith networks, licensed venues, families and communities on the subject of CSE. ***Please refer to point 5***
 - That the Board receive an update on what consultation has been undertaken with those children at risk, or victims, of CSE, and how services have altered to take account of this feedback. ***Please refer to point 6***

Update and recommendations on CSE

That officers develop the work to support families in identification of CSE, and how parenting tools can help them reduce risk

- 3.1 We have a commitment to engage with families and carers around identification of CSE and this is clearly captured in the Surrey Safeguarding Children's Board refreshed strategy and action plan published in November 2016.
- 3.2 A particular vehicle for supporting families to identify and address CSE is the Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE) advanced training for practitioners, which has been undertaken by 20 Youth Support Service (YSS) practitioners. Staff have also undertaken their 'Train the Trainer' course and thus a cohort of trainers are able to deliver the PACE training course 'Working with and supporting parents and carers affected by CSE' to colleagues across the

children's workforce. This has been rolled out to a large cohort within YSS and plans are underway to offer more widely across Children's Services, the YSS and the Family Support Programme. This knowledge to support parents and families is also shared as part of the CSE community of practice across YSS and Children's Services.

3.3 Further measures to support families in their awareness and identification of CSE are captured below at 5.1.

Therapeutic Support

That officers, the Clinical Commissioning Groups and Adult Social Care give further consideration to what therapeutic support can be commissioned to support those victims of CSE, both as children and in later life

- 4.1 The development of a multi-agency CSE Pathway which is underway, together with the commissioned services gap analysis (led by SCC Commissioning Team) will form the basis for making multi-agency commissioning decisions and to commission a range of services to meet the holistic needs of children at risk of / experiencing CSE. The commissioning work will consider the ongoing needs of adults who have been affected by sexual exploitation as children.
- 4.2 As part of the Safer Surrey approach a model of contextual, relational safeguarding is promoted which sees children and parents as partners in safeguarding and is established best practice working with children affected by CSE. As the agencies which hold case management responsibility for children affected by CSE, the YSS and Children's Services staff have been trained in recognising and working with children at risk of CSE and wider unhealthy adolescent relationships. The services can work with children affected by CSE on a 1-1 or group work basis and this relational approach is the cornerstone of the 'therapeutic alliance' that practitioners seek to build with Surrey children affected by CSE.
- 4.3 "Sliding doors" has been developed as a groupwork response for children affected by CSE. The group runs for 8 - 12 weeks and is usually delivered to girls aged 14-18, and has once been delivered to boys but has ordinarily lacked referrals for this group. The programme is available across the county, led by YSS but delivered on a multi-agency basis.
- 4.4 Within Surrey (in partnership with SABP) there are also the specialist therapeutic services STARS for children who are victims of sexual assault (led by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and ACT (for CYP who display harmful sexual behaviours).
- 4.5 As part of the early help offer the Community Youth Work Service provides a range of open access and targeted interventions to young people with a particular focus on early identification and prevention through informal education and development and an established approach to promoting healthy relationships and sex education.

Engagement of Communities of CSE

That officers provide a further short report to the Board on efforts to engage faith networks, licensed venues, families and communities on the subject of CSE.

5.1 The vehicle used to engage faith networks, licensed venues, families and communities on the subject of CSE is Operation Makesafe. Critical to this is raising awareness of which Sexual Exploitation and Assault Management Board (SEAMB) has taken a decision to prioritise taxis, hotels and licensed premises for focussed communication activity.

5.2 Plans to engage faith communities are part of the wider development of multi-agency communication plans for CSE.

CSE update on consultation

That the Board receive an update on what consultation has been undertaken with those children at risk, or victims, of CSE, and how services have altered to take account of this feedback.

6.1 Findings from the challenge event with children in July will be fed back to SEAMB in January when wider consideration is being given to how well we listen to the voice of the child in our work to combat CSE. The partnership is working towards more comprehensive ways to collect feedback from children and young people - including using commissioning levers to require delivery bodies to collate children's feedback and provide to SEAMB.

6.2 An important opportunity to hear from children is as part of the return home interview when they have been reported as missing. This information is used to shape individual casework with each child but it is also collated on a quarterly basis in order to identify patterns and trends in missing episodes. This information has gone into the 'Missing Problem Profile' which is just about to be produced by Surrey Police on behalf of partners and will inform practice and service design.

6.3 The Cabinet Members for children recently undertook an audit of return home interviews in order to ensure that they were hearing the experiences and voices of the children who we are most concerned about. This audit has gone on to inform the work of the Corporate Parenting Board and the development of Surrey's Missing Strategy which will be before SEAMB for ratification in January 2017.

Recommendations:

That the Board note the continuing progress being made to combat CSE in Surrey and request further updates in the course of 2017.

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Sources/background papers: SSCB CSE Strategy and Action Plan November 2016