

Meeting: Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee

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Title: Child Sexual Exploitation update

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Committee with an overview of the current local picture in relation to work being undertaken with respect to child sexual exploitation (CSE). It further updates the Committee following the report on the 17th July 2016 which described the national picture and how this was impacting on North Tyneside.

The report will set out local activity at 3 levels:

- What we are doing in relation to individual cases
- What we are doing across the Council
- What we are doing through wider partnership working

2. Recommendations

The Committee is requested to consider the report, offer comment and advise of any recommendations for consideration.

3. Information

3.1 What we are doing in relation to individual cases

3.2 A review of the Missing Sexually Exploited and Trafficked (MSET) has been completed and recommendations made. The role of this panel and the impact on individuals care planning and safety has been the theme of this review.

3.3 As a result of the recent MSET review and recommendations the Social Work Teams in North Tyneside will begin to utilise an updated Risk Assessment tool in December in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation. This will ensure that information is holistic and detailed with regard to the risks and needs for a young person. This will also take North Tyneside in line with neighbouring LA's.

3.4 There are currently approximately 14 young people in North Tyneside identified as being at risk of child sexual exploitation; a high percentage of these young people are looked after children and subject to full Care Orders. SCARPA resources are now targeted with this cohort of young people.

3.5 SCARPA continues to remain the predominant service accessed currently for Young People and provides support and intervention in respect of healthy and safe relationships, and the issues of Child Sexual Exploitation. Work is undertaken on a one to one basis and SCARPA

have recently begun some group sessions with local education providers. SCARPA continue to run advice surgeries and workshops on a fortnightly basis with social care staff on engaging young people who are at risk, internet safety and responses to going missing. There is capacity within this work to engage young people from the age of 10 into adulthood. This is of significant benefit and value with regard to transition work into adulthood.

- 3.6 As previously highlighted a practitioner toolbox has been developed providing tools and interventions for social workers engaging in direct work with young people and an audit of care plans for young people at risk of CSE has identified the needs for specific work for each young person.

4. What we are doing across the Council

- 4.1 The CSE contact group has concluded its work. The final self assessment report has been completed and the actions identified are either being addressed at individual service level or, for the majority, are being included in the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) multi agency sexual exploitation action plan.
- 4.2 Two CSE learning Forums have been held in November; giving an update to CYPL on how to identify, respond and intervene where a risk of CSE has been identified. The new documentation will be implemented following this.
- 4.3 CSE Practice guidance has been developed and distributed to CYPL; in order to ensure that procedures are consistently and appropriately applied.
- 4.4 Regular CSE clinics are being held by a safeguarding senior manager providing advice and support to managers.
- 4.5 Performance data will now be collated in order ensure that we understand the cohort of children and people that are presented to MSET in order to evaluate impact identify trends patterns of behaviour that can inform practice and training needs.

5. What we are doing through wider partnership working

- 5.1 North Tyneside continues to work as part of Operation Sanctuary; there has been a gap in provision however there is someone in post and the social work secondment will run until March 2017. Funding for this post will need to be considered post March 2017
- 5.2 Bright Futures young women's project continue to work within Operation Sanctuary to attend schools providing support and education in relation to a range of vulnerabilities. Bright Futures are due to present the drama "Chelsea's choice" at Kings Priory School, Churchill and Norham with a schedule to present at Burnside, Moorbridge and PALS.

6 Appendices

None.