

National Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group

Survey of Child Protection Committees

To Review Process and Practices in Relation to Child Sexual Exploitation

April 2019

INTRODUCTION

Scotland's second national Child Sexual Exploitation action plan – the **National Action Plan to Prevent and Tackle Child Sexual Exploitation** – was published in March 2016 to drive activities between 2016 and 2019.

The National Action Plan contains 44 actions and Action 1 is to '**Develop a set of indicators to measure progress towards achieving the outcomes in this plan**'. Delivering on this action, there are two strands of work:

- The **Child Protection Improvement Programme's development of a Minimum Dataset for Child Protection Committees** involves work to identify robust measures that provide understanding of the scale and nature of Child Sexual Exploitation in local authority areas and across Scotland.
- **Surveys of Scotland's Child Protection Committees** to understand the multi-agency approach to delivering against the National Action Plan's four intermediate outcomes in their local areas.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION SURVEY FOR CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES

Of the second strand of work, this survey follows the first, baseline survey of Scotland's Child Protection Committees completed in summer 2016. Developed by the CSE Data Indicators Sub-Group¹ of the National Child Sexual Exploitation Group, the purpose of this survey is to understand the improvements that have been achieved over the duration of the National Action Plan.

Where possible, the same questions from the 2016 baseline survey have been used but the structure of the survey has been changed to align with **The Quality Framework for Children and Young People in Need of Care and Protection** (Care Inspectorate, July 2018) and its headline questions and indicators:

- What key outcomes have we achieved? Indicator 1: Key performance outcomes.
- How well do we meet the needs of our stakeholders? Indicator 2: Impact on children, young people and families; Indicator 3: Impact on staff; and Indicator 4: Impact on the community.

¹ The CSE Data Indicators Sub-Group has membership from Barnardo's, Care Inspectorate, CELCIS, NSPCC, Scottish Government and University of Stirling.

- How good is the delivery of our services for children, young people and families? Indicator 5: Delivery of key processes.
- How good is our operational management? Indicator 6: Policy, service developments and legal measures; Indicator 7: Management and support to staff; Indicator 8: Resources and capacity building.
- How good is our leadership? Indicator 9: Leadership and direction.

The revised structure is designed to support local areas in their continuous improvement and self-evaluation activities (with the **Child Sexual Exploitation Core Components Checklist for Child Protection Committees** developed by the National CSE Group a key resource) and during Joint Inspections of Services for Children and Young People.

Alongside the survey's organisation around the Care Inspectorate's Quality Framework, cross-reference has also been made to the National Action Plan outcomes to enable reporting on the progress made towards achieving the outcomes in the Plan. The four intermediate outcomes set out in the National Action Plan are:

- The risk that children and young people are exploited is eliminated through a focus on early identification and prevention.
- Children and young people at risk of or affected by sexual exploitation and their families receive appropriate and high quality support.
- Perpetrators are stopped, brought to justice and are less likely to re-offend.
- Cultural barriers to preventing and tackling CSE are reduced.

COMPLETING THE SURVEY

Child Protection Committees are asked to complete this survey by **12th July 2019** to enable analysis in time for the third annual progress report of the National Action Plan. Please return to: celcis.protectingchildren@strath.ac.uk

WHAT KEY OUTCOMES HAVE WE ACHIEVED?

No.	Item	In Full	In Part	Not At All	Comments
1. Key Performance Outcomes					
1.	The Child Protection Committee receives regular management information (at least every 6 months) in relation to:				
	a) Children and young people at risk of experiencing Child Sexual Exploitation (e.g. number and characteristics)				
	b) Children and young people who have experienced Child Sexual Exploitation (e.g. number and characteristics)				
	c) Children and young people who have experienced Child Sexual Exploitation and are being considered under Child Protection procedures (e.g. number and characteristics)				

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HOW WELL DO WE MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS?

No.	Item	In Full	In Part	Not At All	Comments
2. Impact on Children, Young People and Families					
2.	Education and awareness raising programmes aimed at reducing the risk of exploitation and abuse have been delivered to children and young people in:				
	a) Early years settings				
	b) Primary schools				
	c) Secondary schools				
	d) Residential care units				
3.	The Child Protection Committee has forums and mechanisms to engage and consult with children and young people about Child Sexual Exploitation interventions and services				
3. Impact on Staff					
4.	The Child Protection Committee has a training strategy that reflects the National Framework for Child Protection Learning and Development Framework in Scotland (2012) to raise awareness and better equip practitioners dealing with Child Sexual Exploitation				
5.	Child Sexual Exploitation training has been delivered to staff and volunteers in:				
	a) Social Work – Children and Families				
	b) Social Work - Other				
	c) Health – Children’s Services				
	d) Health - Adult Services				

	e) Police				
	f) Education				
	g) Housing				
	h) Culture, leisure and sport				
	i) Third sector organisations				
	j) Children's Panel members				
4. Impact on the Community					
6.	Child Sexual Exploitation education and awareness raising programmes have been delivered to:				
	a) Parents and carers				
	b) Local community groups				
	c) Night-time and other business economies				

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HOW GOOD IS DELIVERY OF OUR SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES?

No.	Item	In Full	In Part	Not At All	Comments
5. Delivery of Key Processes					
7.	There are local services to support children and young people at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation <i>(Please gives examples of these in the Comments box)</i>				
8.	There are specialist Child Sexual Exploitation recovery services that children and young people can access <i>(Please gives examples of these in the Comments box)</i>				
9.	For the services set out in Qs 7-8, children and young people can access these when they need them				
10.	There are robust multi-agency information sharing systems and processes among Public Protection partners to support the identification and management of perpetrators				
11.	The Child Protection Committee plays an active role in the gathering of information on perpetrators				

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HOW GOOD IS OUR OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT?

No.	Item	In Full	In Part	Not At All	Comments
6. Policy, Service Development and Legal Measures					
12.	The Child Protection Committee has a Child Sexual Exploitation work plan that is regularly monitored and updated				
13.	The Child Protection Committee's Child Sexual Exploitation work plan incorporates cultural and diversity issues, e.g. lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex, learning disability, and black and ethnic minority				
7. Management and Support to Staff / 8. Resources and Capacity Building					
14.	The Child Protection Committee has developed Child Sexual Exploitation practice guidance and/or tools to support and inform practitioners to:				
	a) Recognise Child Sexual Exploitation				
	b) Assess for Child Sexual Exploitation				
	c) Plan to respond to Child Sexual Exploitation				
	d) Respond to peer to peer abuse				
	e) Manage children and young people's transitions between services				
15.	Staff are observed and monitored for their competence and confidence in identifying and responding to Child Sexual Exploitation concerns				

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HOW GOOD IS OUR LEADERSHIP?

No.	Item	In Full	In Part	Not At All	Comments
9. Leadership and Direction					
16.	Chief Officers and Elected Members receive regular updates (at least every six months) about Child Sexual Exploitation services, interventions and risks				
17.	Child Sexual Exploitation awareness raising and training has been delivered to Chief Officers and Elected Members				
18.	The Child Protection Committee and Chief Officers Group makes connections between Child Sexual Exploitation and the following areas of concern:				
	a) Child Sexual Abuse				
	b) Peer to peer abuse				
	c) Equally Safe / Gender Based Violence				
	d) Missing people				
	e) Offender management				
	f) Online safety				
	g) Trafficking				

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