

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

*Working together to keep
Aberdeenshire's children &
young people safe*

ABERDEENSHIRE'S MULTI-AGENCY STRATEGY - 2017



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1. INTRODUCTION

The Aberdeenshire GIRFEC Strategic Group (GSG) and the Aberdeenshire Child and Family Protection Committee (AC&FPC) have developed this Aberdeenshire multi-agency Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Strategy to ensure that all partner organisations and individuals across Aberdeenshire are supported to work together effectively to ensure the wellbeing and safety of Aberdeenshire's children and young people.

Children and young people who are sexually exploited are the victims of child sexual abuse, and their needs require careful assessment and intervention. The group may include children who have been sexually abused through the misuse of technology, coerced into sexual activity by criminal gangs or the victims of trafficking.

'In Scotland, the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee carried out an Inquiry into child sexual exploitation in 2013 to explore its scale and nature. It heard from the National Working Group estimates from Scottish agencies of the likelihood of child sexual exploitation victims ranging from 64 to 300 for each agency. It also highlighted concern around under-recognition of the issue, particularly in rural areas.'

Brodie, I. and Pearce, J. (2012) *Exploring the nature of child exploitation in Scotland*. Edinburgh: Scottish Government.

Four studies have identified sexual exploitation in Scotland, although none of these have examined prevalence, and are small scale, empirical studies of specific groups of young people known to be at risk of sexual exploitation – looked after and accommodated young people and young people placed in secure accommodation. Details of the studies are included as Appendix 2.

We recognise that the issues seen in Aberdeenshire may be different from those in densely populated urban areas. Much of the related literature and formal reporting relates to problems in such areas so requires us to be vigilant and creative in our identification and recognition phases. Thus we must support our staff in different ways and keep CSE high on the agendas for learning and development.

Aberdeenshire's vision for its children and young people;

'The children and young people of Aberdeenshire are confident individuals, effective contributors, successful learners and responsible citizens'

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2. DEFINITION

For the purposes of this Strategy we refer to Child Sexual Exploitation as -

Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse in which a person(s), of any age takes advantage of a power imbalance to force or entice a child into engaging in sexual activity in return for something received by the child and/or those perpetrating or facilitating the abuse. As with other forms of child sexual abuse, the presence of perceived consent does not undermine the abusive nature of the act.

*National Definition of child sexual exploitation(CSE)
Scotland, Scottish Government, 2016*

In Aberdeenshire we recognise that Child sexual exploitation can occur even if there is no immediate payment or gain, for example, when a child is persuaded to post sexual images on the internet/mobile phones.

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 (DCSF, 2009). This 'exchange' may also be intangible, in the sense that the young person involved will typically believe that the relationship in which they are involved is a consensual one, and that the abuser(s) are their 'boyfriends'. Consequently, the violence and abuse to which the young person is subjected will be perceived as normal and acceptable.

This Strategy acknowledges the major challenges for those seeking to intervene to end the abuse, in that the young person will often be unable or reluctant to accept help and/or to end the relationship (Pearce, 2006; Pearce, 2009). There are also social and cultural tensions in terms of what is understood to represent a 'consensual' relationship amongst teenagers

3. NATIONAL GUIDANCE AND KEY REFERENCE MATERIAL

- National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2014
- The National Practice Model; GIRFEC
- Scotland's National Action Plan to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation 2016
- independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham 1997-2013
- Barnardo's Scotland; Lessons for Scotland from the Jay Report into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham
- Children In Scotland; Safeguarding Scotland's vulnerable children from child abuse

4. SCOTLANDS NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO TACKLE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION 2014

Our Aberdeenshire CSE Strategy is underpinned by the ambitions of Scotland's National Action Plan 2016. The National Plan has been developed with specific areas of focus for tackling Child Sexual Exploitation:-

- **PREVENTION** of abuse (with specific measures for dealing with particularly vulnerable children)
- **DISRUPTION AND PROSECUTION** of offenders through legislation
- **SUPPORTING** children and young people affected by CSE

The National Action Plan sets out four key groups of responsibility to deliver solutions.

- Scottish Government
- Police Scotland
- Care Inspectorate
- **MULTI-AGENCY** (attached at Appendix 4)

5. RELATED ABERDEENSHIRE MULTI-AGENCY STRATEGIES

- Aberdeenshire Inter-Agency Learning & Development Strategy
- Aberdeenshire Multi-Agency Safer technology Strategy (under development)

6. ABERDEENSHIRE CONTEXT

Aberdeenshire is a predominantly rural area in the north east of Scotland widely recognised as being one of the safest places to live and work in the United Kingdom. Within Aberdeenshire, outcomes for economic development and quality of life compare well at a national level:

'In Aberdeenshire, recorded numbers of crimes and offences are at an 8-year low while 98% of residents regard Aberdeenshire as a safe place to live.'

Aberdeenshire Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023

The sexual exploitation of children and young persons is not a new phenomenon. It is also recognised that Aberdeenshire's rural location serves as no barrier or deterrent to those who exploit and abuse our children and young people.

Continuous advances in computer and mobile telephone technology are providing new opportunities and a platform for those who are determined to take advantage of the most vulnerable in our communities. In most instances, victims are targeted randomly and those who respond are enticed by the lure of friendship and close relations.

In Aberdeenshire, existing single and multi-agency procedures, guidance and training is in place to safeguard children and young people. When they are harmed or their safety is threatened, we respond accordingly. Recent developments such as improved information sharing and awareness raising amongst children, their families and professionals, has strengthened this partnership response to those who are sexually exploited.

In formulating this strategy, Police Scotland undertook a survey of recent Police reports and investigations of sexual exploitation, and provided evidence that children most at risk are those who are reached within their own homes via the use of internet enabled devices.

There are cases where victims are prepared to meet, after an initial contact, with persons unknown to them. Victims in this category will be vulnerable and can often be known to services.

On this basis it is therefore necessary that a co-ordinated and multi-agency response is developed to counter the persistent threat of child sexual exploitation.

7. OUR VISION

The vision of Aberdeenshire's Multi-Agency Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy is

'WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE FROM CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION'

All relevant partners will share responsibility and work together to ensure an integrated and proactive approach to tackling CSE which is child and family centred.

In Aberdeenshire a multi-agency 'CSE Operational Working Group' will form to coordinate the strategic aims. The CSE Operational Working Group will create an action plan based on the findings of a multi-agency mapping exercise (attached at Appendix 3) and a series of children and young people focus groups. The working group will report directly to the Aberdeenshire GIRFEC Strategic Group and work in association with other relevant sub-groups and partnerships.

In supporting and considering the Aberdeenshire CSE strategy, the key areas of PREVENTION, DISRUPTION & PROSECUTION and SUPPORTING, have been employed to formulate the Aberdeenshire MULTI-AGENCY response to tackling CSE in our communities.

It is widely recognised that best practice in tackling CSE can be found in other areas of the United Kingdom where CSE has affected children, young persons and their families with devastating consequences. In Aberdeenshire, we will capture the lessons of CSE cases reported elsewhere and make use of national and local resources from across the public and third sector.

The Aberdeenshire CSE strategy will draw on the experiences of other local authorities but also be alert and mindful to the geographical and demographic variances which are unique to our area.

Our action plan will be developed using the principals of the nationally accepted University of Bedfordshire 'Self-Assessment Tool' to assess progress in protecting children from sexual exploitation.

8. OUR VALUES

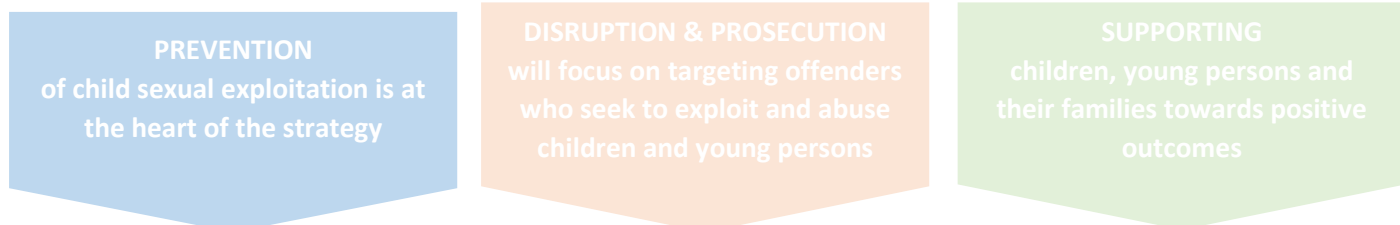
In Aberdeenshire our agreed core values for the delivery of children's services have remained consistent with all partners continuing to work together to ensure that:

- The child/young person is at the centre of everything we do.
- We act in the best interests of the child or young person.
- Children and young people receive the help they need.
- Help is proportionate, timely and appropriate.
- The help provided improves the child or young person's situation and reduce risk.
- The best interests of the child/young person are at the centre of all planning and decisions that affect them.
- We listen to children and young people and let them know how their views are being taken forward,
- We support children, young people and families to live in a healthy, safe home environment, within a caring supportive community and free from prejudice, poverty, exclusion, fear of crime and discrimination.

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9. OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The purpose of the strategy is to keep children and young people safe from child sexual exploitation. In order to achieve this, agencies will continue to work together to build upon existing single and multi-agency responses and processes and also be creative in identifying and responding to new and emerging forms of CSE. The key messages as summarised below, form the basis of how we will deliver on PREVENTION, DISRUPTION & PROSECUTION and SUPPORTING;



Scoping exercise to better understand the scale and nature of CSE in Aberdeenshire.

Relevant professionals have an understanding of the prevalence, risk factors and indicators of CSE in their area and aware of the referral pathways to use when they are concerned about a child or young person

Children and young persons, parents and carers and members of the wider community have increased awareness of CSE

Children and young persons at risk of CSE and other related risks are identified to prevent them from becoming victims of exploitation

Basic and enhanced awareness raising and training of CSE delivered to all professionals working with children and young persons.

Identifying children most vulnerable to CSE such as looked after children and frequent missing persons and linking this to cultural differences and emerging issues.

Engagement and awareness raising with community groups including night time economy workers.

Early intervention and learning in schools and educational establishments to promptly disrupt CSE

All practitioners working with children and young persons to recognise the significant harm CSE causes and to identify criminal behaviour at an early stage

Use of criminal and civil legislation to tackle and disrupt offenders who exploit and abuse children and young persons and prevent them from reoffending.

Raise awareness of best practices of collating evidence which supports the prosecution of offenders.

Promote sharing of information between agencies to identify offenders and victims of CSE.

Ensure children and young persons who have or may be at risk from CSE have access to appropriate and wide level support.

Children, young persons and their families are encouraged to fully engage with services and processes and pathways are discussed and explained.

Robust use of Risk Management Plans to support children and young persons exposed to CSE

Children, young persons and their families are supported before, during and after investigations and criminal prosecutions.

10. APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

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APPENDIX 2

National Child Sexual Exploitation Studies

Dillane, J., Hill, Malcolm. and Munro, C. (2005) *A Study of Sexual Exploitation of Looked After and Accommodated Young People*. Glasgow: Barnardo's and Glasgow Child Protection Committee.

Creegan, C., Scott, S. and Smith, R. (2005) *The Use of Secure Accommodation and Alternative Provisions for Sexually Exploited Young People in Scotland*. Glasgow: Barnardo's.

Lerpiniere, J., Hawthorn, M., Smith, I., Connelly, G., Kendrick, A. and Welch, V. (2013) *The Sexual Exploitation of Looked After Children in Scotland. A scoping study to inform methodology for inspection*. Glasgow: CELCIS.

Rigby, P., Murie, S. and Ball, M. (2012) *Child Trafficking in Glasgow: The Journey So Far*. Glasgow: Glasgow Child Protection Committee.

APPENDIX 3

MAPPING OF SERVICES IN ABERDEENSHIRE

SERVICE	AREAS OF FOCUS, NATIONAL ACTION PLAN			
	Prevention of abuse (with specific measures for dealing with particularly vulnerable children)	Disruption and prosecution of offenders through legislation	Supporting children and young people affected by CSE	Future Developments
Police Scotland	<p>All Police Officers have received briefing and raised awareness of CSE through a power point presentation on daily briefing web pages.</p> <p>CSE Checklist incorporated onto Child Protection IRD form.</p> <p>All Police Sergeants have been provided with input and training on IRD and CSE.</p> <p>Awareness raising and effective use of return from missing forms to identify children who are at risk from CSE.</p> <p>Process in place for Officers to submit Concern Reports regarding children at risk from CSE prior to end of tour of duty. CSE Concern Reports are notified to the Detective Inspector, Aberdeenshire Child Protection Unit, who assesses and reviews all cases of CSE.</p> <p>Misper Aide Memoire issued to all Police Officers highlighting CSE as an indicator.</p> <p>Inputs delivered to pupils by School Based Officers.</p>	<p>All Police Officers have been provided with training on the use of legislation relating to CSE.</p> <p>Forensic Examination of electronic devices used by perpetrators of CSE is used to corroborate victim evidence.</p> <p>Risk Assessment of perpetrators access to children and young people is conducted at an early stage of a CSE investigation.</p> <p>Creation of the National Child Abuse Investigation Unit to deal with high level cases of CSE.</p> <p>Details of CSE referrals are entered onto the Police intelligence system. This identifies perpetrators who are operating locally and across Police areas.</p>	<p>Concern Reports submitted by Police Officers who are in contact with children exposed to CSE are sent to the Referral Unit for sharing with named person and relevant partners.</p> <p>Use of the Victims and Witnesses Act and Victim Strategies to support victims throughout the Criminal Justice process</p>	<p>Problem Profile to establish extent of CSE in Aberdeenshire.</p> <p>Partnership development with Barnardo's Scotland to create CSE Co-ordinator role.</p>

<p>Children's Services Social Work, AC</p>	<p>Increased staff awareness (both in C&F teams, Residential Children's Homes and Family Placement teams/foster carers) of risk indicators, through training.</p> <p>Use of CSE Checklist within IRD document gives additional awareness/consideration of CSE as standard part of any CP enquiry.</p> <p>Assessment of young people taking account of risk indicators, and clearly identifying risk. Having a robust risk assessment with clear action plans and regular review with multi agency partners and families.</p> <p>Within Residential establishments, a risk assessment profile is completed, which highlights; Ongoing Risk Indicators, Factors contributing to risks, Plans to minimise risk, by whom, by when and Outcome.</p> <p>CSE added to 'Risk management Recording Tool and Plan for Looked After Children in Foster Care'.</p>	<p>Follow child protection protocol, all instances reported to police.</p> <p>Missing Persons protocol in place for Residential Children's Homes.</p>	<p>Ensuring that Young People have access to appropriate level of support – qualified social work staff, counselling, signposting to more specialist services.</p> <p>Looked After Children – Children's Rights Officer</p> <p>Challenging behaviours can be addressed through Youth Strategy Team.</p>	<p>Ongoing staff training</p> <p>Information located on Arcadia (Intranet) as well as Aberdeenshire GIRFEC website</p>
<p>NHS Grampian</p>	<p>Mandatory Child Protection Awareness Training is offered to All NHS Grampian staff and this training includes a section on child exploitation including sexual exploitation.</p> <p>The Aberdeenshire CSE strategy group health member and NHS Grampian CP training co-ordinator developed a CSE training plan. This plan is based on the Barnardo's training for trainers. The 1-4 modules will be delivered to NHS Grampian staff based on staff's involvement with CSE. Four CSE training sessions will be delivered to Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City school nurses between September and December 2015.</p>	<p>Health staff will share information with police Scotland regarding suspected cases of CSE. Health staff will co-operate with police Scotland as requested including involvement in the IRD process.</p>	<p>Health staff including school nurses, GPs, and CAMHS will provide support to children and young people subject to CSE where this is appropriate.</p>	<p>Review of CSE Action plans from throughout Scotland. NHS Grampian consultant nurse child protection requested this information from the national child protection NMAHPS Scotland group (lead nurses, midwives and allied health professionals).</p>

	<p>Health visitors and school nurses attended 'Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool' train the trainers in 2014 and several staff from varied backgrounds including nurse educators attended this training in March 2015. This is a Brook training programme and NHS Grampian Staff can access the Brook website for further information. The coordination of these trainers to deliver a Grampian service would be beneficial.</p> <p>All NHS Grampian staff can access CSE information via the child protection pages of the NHS Grampian intranet. This information includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE Briefing note for NHS Grampian Staff • WithScotland CSE Briefing • Scotland's National Action Plan to Tackle CSE (Scottish Government) • Guidance on CSE: A Practitioners Resource Pack (Barnardo's Scotland) • Lessons for Scotland from the Jay Report into CSE in Rotherham (Barnardo's discussion paper) • Safeguarding Scotland's Vulnerable Children from Abuse (Children in Scotland) • Spot the Signs webpage -links to leaflets (Barnardo's Scotland) <p>SHARE is a researched based sex and relationship curriculum resource developed by NHS Health Scotland for 12-16 year olds. Training is aimed at social work staff and carers for LAC. This will be in addition to the training offered to school nurses, teachers, guidance staff and youth work staff. SHARE training is held every May for secondary school staff in Aberdeenshire. From 2007 to present there have been approximately 175 staff trained, including school nurses, guidance staff, youth workers and social workers. The training is held over 2 days and covers the</p>			<p>Shetland action plan received.</p> <p>During 2016 training of the CSE plan will be delivered to A&E staff in adult and children's services, mental health workers, midwives and health visitors. Delivery to allied health professionals and GP practice staff also requires consideration.</p> <p>The Aberdeenshire CSE strategy group health member will participate in multi-agency CSE training with the CPP training manager, other members of the CSE strategy group and other trainers.</p>
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	<p>principles of SHARE including raising CSE and sign posting to resources.</p> <p>NHS Grampian Sexual Health Services deliver training incorporating CSE Awareness as part of their training programme for staff working in sexual health services.</p>			
Education, AC	<p>PSE inputs delivered with message of Keeping Yourself Safe, SHARE</p> <p>Child protection briefings with all pupils in school, focusing on all categories of abuse but when sexual abuse is discussed discussions should include a focus on sexting, internet safety.</p> <p>Child protection briefings with senior pupils and prefects.</p> <p>Child protection training with all staff who work in schools to be aware and alert of difficulties / concerns etc. Robust CP procedures across sectors and between services.</p> <p>Specialist sexual health training for vulnerable young people e.g. significant ASN and autism.</p> <p>MAAP / GIRFEC assessment and action planning for vulnerable young people including the use of the national Risk Assessment Framework. Also has opportunities for parental involvement and awareness raising actions for vulnerable families.</p> <p>Flexible learning pathways – provide more engagement less chance of risk taking behaviours</p> <p>All primary and secondary Head Teachers (or a Depute) have had A CSE briefing which was to be cascaded to their staff. These briefings took place in March 2015.</p>	<p>Parental information evenings on Alcohol misuse, Illegal drugs and legal highs, sexting, Internet / CEOP evenings. These can all be linked to consequences of involvement and how behaviours can then link to CSE. These information evenings are usually linked to support from external partners e.g. Drugs Action</p>	<p>Some schools are beginning to set up LGBT support groups in school to support the questions young people ask when becoming aware of differences in their sexuality from their peers. The more informed young people are the less chance there is of them encountering harm.</p> <p>Intensive support from Pupil Support / GIRFEC workers with young people at risk of partaking in risk taking behaviours.</p> <p>Utilise external support from specialist services e.g. Rape Abuse and Support.</p> <p>MCMC –targeted programmes to engage with young people who are at risk of not finding a positive destination post school. More informed and more engaged young people are less likely to drift into risk taking situations. Many of the young people who are supported in MCMC programmes are vulnerable young people. A programme might support issues such as personal safety, homelessness, Children’s Rights Officer as well as more practical activities such as simple</p>	<p>Strong culture to improve and build capacity on emerging themes linked to CSE e.g. forced marriage, FGM etc</p>

			<p>cooking, interview skills, personal finance etc.</p> <p>One to one support from Guidance Teacher and School Nurse, this can vary from daily, weekly contact or ad hoc support.</p>	
Third Sector	<p>DA – The Green Light Project provides:</p> <p>Awareness raising and training events for professionals</p> <p>Rape & Abuse Support Aberdeen – schools work including raising awareness of CSE</p>		<p>DA - The Green Light Project (GLP) is a specialist service for anyone under the age of 25 in Aberdeen city or Aberdeenshire on any issue relating to sexual exploitation. The Green Light Project provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •One-to-one advice, support and information to young people •Group work programmes for young people •Joint working and referral to other services as appropriate, in line with GIRFEC principles •Help to access community resources, services and support 	<p>A partnership between Aberdeenshire Council, DA, Rape & Abuse Support Aberdeen, Grampian Women's Aid & CHILDREN 1ST is seeking funding to further develop the school work programme to raise awareness of Domestic Violence & CSE.</p>
Multi-Agency	<p>Child Protection Committee promoted use of Barnardos leaflets in Services and in public spaces resulting in children and young people, parents and carers and members of the wider community have increased awareness of CSE.</p> <p>Awareness Raising in the workforce - Children and young people at risk of CSE and other related risks are identified and effectively supported to prevent them from becoming victims of exploitation.</p> <p>CSE Information collated on GIRFEC website</p> <p>Use of the CSE Checklist during IRD stage of all child protection concerns</p>			<p>-Analyse information related to use of CSE section on the website.</p> <p>Gain feedback re information from young people.</p> <p>-Multi-agency CSE training course being developed</p> <p>-Audit of CSE IRD forms.</p> <p>-Analysing & Learning from Police concern reports.</p>

APPENDIX 4

MULTI AGENCY ACTIONS from the CSE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN 2016

Actions to be undertaken by a range of services including local authorities, Child Protection Committees, third sector orgs etc.

Action	Lead Responsibility	Timescale for completion
General		
1. Develop a set of indicators to measure progress towards achieving the outcomes in this plan.	Scottish Government	December 2016
2. Develop an approach to involving children and young people in developing and reviewing the actions in this plan and shaping future national policy on child sexual exploitation.	Scottish Government	September 2016
The risk that children and young people are sexually exploited is reduced through a focus on prevention and early identification		
3. Train a further 1,860 young mentors to develop the skills to identify abusive and violent behaviours and develop safe options to support and challenge their peers.	Violence Reduction Unit Education Scotland	March 2018
4. Expand the national sexual violence prevention programme in secondary schools across Scotland.	Rape Crisis Scotland	April 2016 – March 2019
5. Consider how the Sidestep peer mentoring and community engagement approach can support young people at risk or affected by sexual exploitation and their families.	Action for Children	September 2016
6. Support schools, colleges and education services in undertaking their safeguarding responsibilities.	Education Scotland	March 2017
7. Deliver regional safeguarding events for education staff to share learning and best practice.	Education Scotland	December 2016
8. Ensure that all practitioners and agencies use the same definition of child sexual exploitation to facilitate joint risk assessments and effective multiagency responses.	Scottish Government	May 2016
9. Develop a framework for Child Protection Committees to facilitate a consistent and collaborative approach to identifying and responding to child sexual exploitation across Scotland.	National Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group	May 2016

10. Develop guidance for practitioners and agencies to support the identification and assessment of child sexual exploitation.	National Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group	September 2016
11. Deliver child sexual exploitation regional workshops for practitioners to share learning and best practice.	National Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group	May 2017
12. Deliver 150 community events across Scotland to support local areas raise public and practitioner awareness of child sexual exploitation.	Barnardo's Scotland	April 2016 – March 2019
13. Develop the new community justice self-evaluation framework to cross-reference adult and child protection arrangements, including the response to child sexual exploitation, to support Community Planning Partnerships in evaluating the effectiveness of their response.	Care Inspectorate	March 2017
14. Deliver training sessions to raise awareness of the links between child sexual exploitation and radicalisation.	Roshni	December 2016
15. Agree a template to capture information about child sexual exploitation and implement across Scotland to improve consistency of information collection.	Scottish Government Police Scotland	December 2016
16. Pilot, evaluate and roll out a child sexual exploitation and abuse intelligence sharing toolkit to strengthen the multi-agency response to prevention, disruption and detection.	Police Scotland	December 2016
17. Develop a coordinated evidence base in which existing and emerging information and research is consolidated and gaps identified.	Scottish Government	December 2016
18. Develop guidance for medical practitioners on child sexual exploitation for inclusion in national child protection guidance for health professionals in Scotland.	Scottish Government	September 2016
19. Identify action at national level to support local areas raise awareness of child sexual exploitation with night-time economy workers.	Scottish Government National Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group	October 2016
20. Evaluate the impact of the national awareness raising campaign and work with partners and key stakeholders to extend its reach.	Scottish Government	March 2016 – March 2017
21. Raise awareness and understanding of child sexual abuse with sports clubs, churches and faith organisations, residential care homes for children and young people, LGBT communities and organisations supporting children with disabilities.	Stop it Now! Scotland	April 2016 – March 2019
22. Reform the system of civil orders available to protect communities from those who may commit sexual offences.	Scottish Government	December 2016
Children and young people at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation and their families receive appropriate and high quality support		

23. Ensure that return interviews are undertaken in all cases where a child or young people has been missing to help identify abuse.	Local authorities Police Scotland	June 2016 - June 2017
24. Ensure that relevant training for practitioners highlights the links between going missing and vulnerability to abuse.	National Steering Group on Missing People	June 2017
25. Ensure that prevention planning for going missing takes place for vulnerable individuals and groups.	Local authorities Health Boards/Health and Social Care Partnerships	June 2016 - June 2017
26. Market the Runaway and Say Something helpline services directly to young people in Scotland to ensure that more children and young people are supported when they are thinking of going missing or need help to stay safe	Missing People	April 2016 – March 2019
27. Pilot a protocol for looked after children who go missing from residential and foster care with a view to rolling out nationally.	Police Scotland Local authorities	December 2016
28. Support all care services for looked after and accommodated children inspected address any issues in identifying and supporting vulnerable children and young people who may be at risk of, or affected by, sexual exploitation	Care Inspectorate	March 2017
29. Consider further action to provide better protection for children and young people with learning disabilities and support them develop an understanding of relationships and risk.	National Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group	December 2016
30. Ensure that more children and young people at risk of or affected by sexual exploitation and other forms of sexual abuse are identified early and receive appropriate support.	Barnardo's Scotland Moira Anderson Foundation	April 2016 – March 2019
31. Develop a skills and knowledge framework for those working with adults and children and young people affected by trauma and abuse to help practitioners identify the risk of abuse and respond to keep people safe	NHS Education Scotland	March 2017
32. Develop a national training plan for those working with children and young people and adults affected by trauma and abuse to inform and prioritise commissioning of services.	NHS Education Scotland	September 2017
33. Develop a programme to support implementation of the trauma and abuse skills and knowledge framework and training plan.	NHS Education Scotland	September 2017 - March 2019
34. Report on emerging themes in relation to child sexual exploitation from inspections in the last 12-18 months to inform service planning and delivery.	Care Inspectorate	June 2016
35. Publish Scotland's first Human Trafficking and Exploitation strategy.	Scottish Government	May 2017
Perpetrators are stopped, brought to justice and are less likely to re-offend		

36. Agree the future direction of online safety work in Scotland.	Scottish Government	June 2016
37. Develop a programme of change to improve how evidence is taken from children and vulnerable witnesses.	Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	Timescale dependant on process for development.
38. Pilot and evaluate the Stop to Listen approach to supporting children and young people disclose sexual abuse and supporting practitioners to act in a child-centred way.	Children 1st	November 2016 – November 2017
39. Share best practice in supporting child victims and witnesses of violence from across Europe with Child Protection Committees.	Children 1st	March 2017
40. Provide training and accreditation for staff preparing and prosecuting sexual offences cases.	Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service	December 2017
41. Use the findings of the evaluation of the National Child Abuse Investigation Unit to inform future development.	Police Scotland	June 2016
42. Improve practice to better support young people who may be at risk of or involved in offending.	Youth Justice Improvement Board	April 2016 – March 2020
43. Ensure child sexual offences committed in the rest of the UK can be prosecuted in Scotland	Scottish Government	December 2016
Cultural and social barriers to preventing and tackling child sexual exploitation are reduced		
44. Strengthen links with Equally Safe to ensure alignment with action to prevent and tackle child sexual exploitation.	Scottish Government	March 2019