

**Child Sexual Exploitation
Health and Wellbeing Board
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Presentation

- Summary of context.
- Findings of the external review of partners' response to addressing the risks of child sexual exploitation.
- Recommendations of the external review.
- Next steps.
- Recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board.



National context

- Child sexual exploitation has a high profile nationally because of the Rochdale and Oxford court cases and the Jay and Casey reports in relation to Rotherham MBC.
- Ofsted thematic inspections of eight local authorities in September 2014.
- Key finding of the inspections was that responding effectively to child sexual exploitation is highly complex and requires the full commitment of statutory agencies, voluntary sector and the wider community.

Royal Borough's response

- Strategic Group jointly chaired by RBWM Children's Services and Thames Valley Police.
- Operational Panel tracking individual cases, again jointly chaired by RBWM Children's Services and Thames Valley Police.
- Approval of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Safeguarding Children Board Missing Children/Young People and Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy and delivery of 2014-2015 action plan.
- Sharing of operational information and intelligence and coordination of joint working through the Operational Panel.
- Dissemination of cue cards for taxi drivers with further cards under development for children and young people, parents and carers and professionals.



Local authority's response

- Deep dive audit of all cases assessed at risk level 3 by the Operational Panel.
- Commissioning an internal audit of the authority's use of its statutory frameworks to tackle the risks of child sexual exploitation.
- Appointment of a fixed term Missing Persons/Child Sexual Exploitation Coordinator.

Key findings of the external review

- There is clear senior leadership and practitioner commitment to work together to prevent exploitation, protect those identified as affected and prosecute offenders.
- Evidence of all statutory and voluntary sector partners engaged in the work.
- Systematic collection and analysis of relevant data is in its infancy as are the strategic links across all strategies.
- Many of the necessary preventative and protective structures and processes are in place and are delivering.



Key findings of the external review

- Data available has yet to indicate a high prevalence – 38 cases have been tracked over the last 12-18 months – and future trends are uncertain.
- Improvements are needed to the content, publicity and quality assurance of training on child sexual exploitation.
- Developing a comprehensive profile of victims, offenders and locations will enable trends and prevalence to be mapped over time to generate intelligence to inform strategic activities across all partnership boards.

Recommendations – for the LSCB

- Continuing to push for a Berkshire-wide child sexual exploitation strategic meeting.
- Holding statutory agencies to account for mainstreaming child sexual exploitation into their day to day safeguarding business.
- Improving the content, publicity and quality assurance of single- and multi-agency child sexual exploitation training.

Recommendations for the Strategic Group

- Stronger engagement with communities, community organisations and leaders to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation.
- Evaluation of outcomes for young people.
- A commissioning strategy capable of responding to demand.
- Dissemination of strategic intelligence to the Local Safeguarding Children Board, Children and Young People's Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Board, and Community Safety Partnership.
- Strengthened representation on the Strategic Group, particularly in relation to adult services.



Recommendations for the Operational Panel

- Communications and feedback to the widest network of services outside the Panel.
- Development of a profile of potential victims, offenders and locations identifying patterns and trends for the Strategic Group.
- Establishing processes for cross-border sharing of intelligence between Operational Panels.

Next steps

- Findings of the external review presented to Cabinet, Local Safeguarding Children Board, Health and Wellbeing Board, Community Safety Partnership.
- Development and delivery of the 2015-2016 action plan for the Missing Children/Young People and Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy.

Recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board

- Each agency represented on the Board to share the findings of the external review with their executive boards.
- Each agency represented on the Board to contribute as appropriate to the development and delivery of the 2015-2016 Action Plan.
- Each agency represented on the Board to consider undertaking an internal audit to assess how statutory frameworks are being used to tackle the risks of child sexual exploitation.



