

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

TO:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		
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TITLE:	UPATE ON CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION STRATEGY		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To advise the Health and Wellbeing Board of the latest Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Strategy. The actions contained within the strategy will be developed into a detailed action plan/project plan to be monitored by the CSE & Children Gone Missing Steering Group which reports to the Reading Safeguarding Childrens Board (RSCB). The strategy is intended to improve service delivery, reduce the risks associated with CSE and improve outcomes for children.
- 1.2 The CSE strategy sets out the partnership intent to improve the delivery of services to **Prevent** children becoming at risk of CSE, **Protect** children who are at risk or are victims, **Pursue and Disrupt** the activity of individuals and or groups of perpetrators and help victims and their families to **Recover** from the abuse.
- 1.3 The actions against the priorities are intended to ensure that we address all of the dimensions of CSE and deliver improved outcomes for children. The priorities and actions reflect the recommendations from the published enquiry into Rotherham, Ofsted thematic inspections and the voice of children. Achieving the action plan will be stretching and will require all partners to align and commit time and resources to ensure the outcomes are achieved at pace. The actions build on the successful foundations that are in place but are none the less ambitious and not without resource implications. The size and scale of CSE in Reading is not fully understood and needs to be improved, once this is achieved we will only then fully understand the resource implications that are required to deliver the ambitions of the strategy in their entirety.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 To note the strategy and requirement for an action plan to deliver it.**

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The profile of CSE has been raised at a national level with the experience of areas such as Rotherham and Rochdale. CSE will have an increased focus during an Ofsted inspection with a clear expectation that the Reading Safeguarding Childrens Board takes a leadership role in ensuring that children are safe from CSE and that there is adequate pace and resources attached to the improvements required.

4. PROGRESS TO DATE

- 4.1 The governance of the strategy sits with the RSCB, who agreed this on 17 December 2014.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 5.1 The strategy needs to address the diverse needs of the community and recognise that children at risk of CSE and in need of protection are a vulnerable group in their own right. CSE touches all parts of the community and we will need to ensure the delivery of the strategy takes into account the diversity of the Reading community.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 CSE Strategy