



Report to ACE Committee

Progress Report : Child
Exploitation and Children who
go Missing

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 In Summer 2018 the LSCB Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) & Missing Strategic sub group agreed to expand its scrutiny and oversight to Child Exploitation, incorporating Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). This decision was made in response to emerging need both locally and nationally.

1.2 The Pan Berkshire CSE Leads meeting also expanded its remit to become the Pan Berkshire Exploitation Leads sub group and in June 2018 ratified the four strategic priority areas:

- Prevention
- Protection
- Pursue and Disrupt
- Recovery

1.3 EMRAC (Exploitation and Missing Risk Assessment Conference) was launched in September 2018. This involved a review of the existing SEMRAC format and broadening of the remit to include Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

1.4 EMRAC takes place monthly and considers all children where there are any Child Exploitation (CE) concerns

1.5 MERG (Missing Evaluation and Review Group) is a weekly sub group of EMRAC. MERG is a multi-agency panel who consider all missing episodes from the previous week. The aim is to review process (strategy meetings, return interviews completed etc) and ensure there is intervention in place for every child that requires it.

1.6 Disruption meeting is also an EMRAC sub group. Led by Thames Valley Police the group consider all exploitation related intelligence and coordinate all disruption activity.

1.7 Thames Valley Police and Early Help colleagues are leading the initiative on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and moving Reading towards being a Trauma Informed authority which supports effective interventions for adolescents by recognising how previous life experiences can impact on behaviour and risk as they get older.

1.8 Development and implementation of two new Berkshire LSCB Child Exploitation tools:

- Simple Screening Tool – a short checklist for all professionals coming in to contact with children/young people. The tool can be used to help identify any potential indicators of exploitation and support a referral to Children's Single Point of Access.
- Child Exploitation Risk Indicator and Analysis Tool – this is a more detailed assessment tool that replaces the old CSE Risk Indicator Tool. The Risk Indicator and Analysis Tool will be used by lead professionals working with children where exploitation concerns have been identified. The purpose is to analyse the risk level and inform intervention.

1.9 Child Exploitation Manager – Reading have had a member of staff seconded to the position of CSE Coordinator since September 2015. In August 2018 the CSE Coordinator position was reviewed and the Child Exploitation Manager post was created and successfully recruited to, with a job description more reflective of the role being done. This also provided the opportunity to broaden the post holders remit to all forms of child exploitation.

1.10 Missing Coordinator – the post holder is responsible for scrutiny of all missing episodes, allocation and tracking of return interviews and review of all completed interviews for safeguarding concerns and/or early interventions required.

1.11 In November 2018 there was a re-launch of the CSE champions group to become Exploitation Champions. The purpose of this multi-agency group is to share good practice, resources and innovation and support the cascading of messages and information to colleagues. Champions will also support in training delivery and awareness raising campaigns.

1.12 Draft Exploitation and Missing Strategy 2019 – 2022 written. This is an update on the Reading LSCB CSE Strategy 2014 – 2017 and will be shared with senior management at Brighter Futures for Children and partners at LSCB in January 2019 for sign off.

2. LOCAL DATA

2.1 Performance data and narrative are reported monthly to Children’s Services Improvement Board (CSIB) and quarterly to LSCB

2.2 Missing Coordinator produces a quarterly Missing Profile which includes all data related to missing episodes, missing children and return interviews. This will be developed further for quarters three and four to include qualitative information, including a case study evidencing a successful outcome.

Children and Young People that go Missing from home or care	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
No. of LAC who have gone missing from care in the period	11	10	15
No. of missing episodes from care in period	15	19	39
No of return interviews completed for LAC (where interviews were required)	7	5	8
% of return interviews completed within 72 hours for LAC	57%	100%	63%
No. of children/YP who have gone missing from home in the period	28	27	21
No. of missing episodes from home in period	40	71	43
No of return interviews completed of children who go missing from home	28	38	19
% of return interviews completed within 72 hours of children who go missing from home	57%	66%	53%

2.3 Reading’s current outturn of completion of interviews within 72 hours is 68% (LAC) and 61% (non LAC) against a very aspirational, locally set target of 95%.

2.4 Child Exploitation Manager recently contacted comparative and geographical neighbours to obtain some benchmarking data in relation to missing children and completion of return interviews, in particular the completion of return interviews within 72 hours of the child returning. This information has been reported to CSIB in December 2018.

2.5 The proposal is Reading’s targets for completion of return interviews within 72 hours are set as <35% red, 35% - 65% amber, >65% green.

2.6 Numbers for EMRAC have significantly increased since September 2018 when the remit was broadened to include Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

Date	Total number of children on agenda
December 2017	15
December 2018	47

3. TRAINING AND AWARENESS RAISING

The following training and awareness events have been held in 2018-2019 to date:

Training subject	Audience	Attendees
Introduction to child exploitation	Children's workforce	32
Child exploitation and missing children	Child In Need (CIN) Team	13
Child Exploitation, County Lines and Young People workshop	Children's workforce	81
Child exploitation and missing children	Youth Service	14
Safeguarding and Exploitation	Taxi drivers (private hire and hackney cabs)	524
Introduction to Child Sexual Exploitation	Reading buses drivers	258
Exploitation – Berkshire West LSCB Forum	Multi agency	51
Introduction to County Lines	Kendrick Girls School	Tbc – all staff
Intelligence Sharing	Multi agency	18

Upcoming training includes:

- Criminal Exploitation and County Lines workshop for Reading Youth Cabinet
- Modern Slavery and Exploitation for exploitation champions
- Exploitation awareness and process for ASYE's

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5. STRATEGY ACTION PLAN

4.1 The LSCB Exploitation and Missing Strategic Sub Group work to an annual work plan. The Child Exploitation Manager has proposed the attached updated Child Exploitation and Missing Children Action Plan.

Child Exploitation & Missing Children – Action Plan 2019 - 2020

Prevention					
What do we want to do	How do we intend to achieve it	By When	Lead professional	Update notes	Status (BRAG)
Improve knowledge and awareness of child exploitation across Reading	Training and awareness raising task and finish group to be held	December 2018 February 2019	Child Exploitation Manager	Meeting held 14/12. Group agreed core standards for training and awareness raising including ensuring that all reference is made to 'exploitation' and not separating out adults, children, sexual and criminal as there are so many cross cutting areas. Agreed the local training offer and will be scheduling training dates to publish	Green
	Input in to new staff induction	February 2019	Child Exploitation Manager/Missing Children Coordinator	New staff induction process to be launched in Brighter Futures for Children in January 2019. Child Exploitation awareness and processes to be imbedded Current induction input in place for social work students and ASYE	Green
	Launch of the new Reading online Child Exploitation course	January 2019	Child Exploitation Manager	Child Exploitation manager has developed an online basic child exploitation awareness course. Content includes what is child exploitation, how to recognise it and how to report concerns, including use of local tools and pathways	Green

			Workforce Development Officer(s)	This has been built on Learning Pool by Workforce Development and is being tested throughout December ready for launch in January Communication will go out to all staff January 2019	
	Ongoing awareness raising campaigns	January 2019	Inspector TVP Multi Agency Support Team	TVP are running some focus weeks where the force prioritise thematic awareness raising. This begins in January with the focus being County Drug Lines.	Green
		March 2019	Child Exploitation Manager Exploitation Champions	National CSE Awareness Day 18 th March 2019. Reading have run large campaigns for this event over the past three years so 2019 to be prioritised by Champions and events run throughout w/c 18 th March	Green
	Continuous development of Exploitation Champions and utilising this resource in the dissemination of key messages, good practice and awareness raising.	April 2019	Child Exploitation Manager	Exploitation Champions group was re-launched in October 2018 with great interest shown across teams and services. 30 Champions put themselves forward and the first meeting was held November 2018. The initial meeting considered the role of the Champions and communication will go out across the workforce in January 2019 detailing who their champion is and the role of the champion.	Green
Improve partner engagement with identification and response	Improved awareness and use of new Berkshire LSCB Child Exploitation Simple Screening Tool	August 2019	Child Exploitation Manager	New tool has been developed and signed off by LSCBs Launched and sent out to all schools and Board	Green

to child exploitation			Exploitation Champions	members and published on Reading LSCB website Staff within Children's Single Point of Access were informed so as to be aware that new contacts/referrals may come in referencing the tool.	Green
	Launch of new Exploitation Strategy 2019 - 2022	April 2019	Child Exploitation Manager LSCB Exploitation Strategic sub group Chair	Building on the 2014 – 2017 Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy a draft Child Exploitation & Missing Children Strategy has been written. This will go to Brighter Futures for Children Executive Board in January and LSCB Strategic sub group in February for sign off Communication will go out across Reading when the strategy is launched	
Improve prevention and education for children and young people across Reading	School have access to/provide a consistent PSHCE offer to all pupils	September 2019	<i>To be agreed at LSCB sub group Feb 2019</i>		
	Youth cabinet campaign to raise awareness of, and reduce, knife crime in Reading	July 2019		Reading Youth Cabinet have chosen their priorities and this includes reduction of knife crime. Child Exploitation Manager attending Youth Cabinet meeting January 2019 to deliver a short workshop on Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines	Green
Increase awareness of children who may be vulnerable to exploitation to inform early help and	Ongoing network mapping in line with contextual safeguarding approach	March 2020 – to review effectiveness	Child Exploitation Manager	Network maps developed to identify associations and friendship groups of concern Networks and associations discussed at MERG and EMRAC	Green


preventative work			Missing Coordinator	Complex, multi child strategy meetings triggered as a result of identified networks to develop strategies to disrupt friendships where appropriate	
	Analysis of monthly exclusions list to identify children at risk of permanent exclusions and ensure preventative interventions and keep safe work are in place	September 2019	Child Exploitation Manager	Child Exploitation Manager now receives monthly exclusions list and invitations to monthly exclusion monitoring meetings Further detailed analysis and mapping required. This will develop throughout 2019	Amber
	Improvement in data analysis and problem profiling to better identify emerging trends and issues to mobilise and target resources	April 2019	Deputy Director for Children's Service	Job descriptions for Exploitation Analyst being reviewed Funding will be required	Green
Improved effectiveness of return home interviews for missing children	Review and re-write the return interview form to ensure it is succinct and focuses on pull, push and	February 2019	Missing Coordinator	Forms from other local authorities have been reviewed Agreed with team manager the priorities for	Green

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	Development of a child friendly tool to be used in return interviews to better engage children and ensure their voice is heard	March 2019	LAC Participation officer	Missing coordinator has had an initial meeting with LAC Participation Officer	Green

Protection					
What do we want to do	How do we intend to achieve it	By When	Lead professional	Update notes	Status (BRAG)
Provide opportunities for ensuring the child's voice is captured and professionals have an improved understanding of what life is like for children in Reading currently	Feedback to the LSCB Exploitation and Missing Strategic sub group on life for children in Reading	October 2018	Headteacher Cranbury College	Cranbury college were asked by the LSCB Exploitation and Missing Strategic Sub Group to develop a short film on what life is like for children in Reading currently. Film was developed but as yet has not been shared with the sub group. This has been an agenda item for the past two strategic sub group meetings.	Red
	Online survey for children in Reading to assess level of understanding of child exploitation and use of the internet	June 2019	Exploitation Champions	Short survey has been developed and needs to be sent out via schools, youth workers, youth offending service and participation officer in the new year	Green
Ensure continuous review and improvement of	Incorporate all forms of exploitation	September	EMRAC Chairs	Recent review and launch of new process (Sept 2018) where the remit of the group was expanded	Green

EMRAC process		2018	Child Exploitation manager	to all forms of exploitation Terms of reference, membership and agenda format revised and shared with LSCB Exploitation strategic sub group for sign off Training for all core members completed September 2018	Green
	Dedicated senior business support for EMRAC required to ensure effective coordination and tracking. This is an essential role for development of the Exploitation team and core business	April 2019	Child Exploitation Manager	Job description written and sent for evaluation	
Pursue and Disrupt					
What do we want to do	How do we intend to achieve it	By When	Lead professional	Update notes	Status (BRAG)
Increase our understanding of the perpetrator profile in Reading	Improvement in data analysis and problem profiling to better identify emerging trends and issues to mobilise and target resources	March 2019	Pan Berkshire Exploitation Leads	Discussion at December Pan Berks meeting that this would be a priority for the group. South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) offered to provide data to support the profile	Green
	Improved intelligence sharing from all partners and members of the public	August 2019	TVP Force Intelligence	Intelligence sharing workshops run by TVP	Green
	Need to track improvements in quality and quantity of intelligence reports received after each significant campaign or training event	August 2019	TVP Force Intelligence	<i>To be agreed at Operation ETNA meetings</i>	Green

Ensure continuous review of Disruption Meeting	Review of membership and terms of reference to ensure most effective targeting of resources to disrupt exploitation risks	March 2019	Child Exploitation Manager EMRAC Chairs	Child Exploitation manager to meet with Chair of Disruption meeting to review membership and terms of reference.	Green
	Effective minute taking including the capturing of successful disruption activity that has taken place	April 2019	Disruption meeting Chair	Business case and job description written and sent for evaluation for an EMRAC Coordinator / dedicated Senior business support for EMRAC and all sub groups (Disruption & MERG)	Green
	Improved information sharing from disruption meeting in to monthly EMRAC meeting, including the identification of hot spots/locations of concern and persons of concern.	January 2019	Disruption meeting Chair	Time allocated on monthly EMRAC agenda to ensure information is effectively shared from disruption meeting. Improved report provided to EMRAC December 2019	Green
Implementation of contextual safeguarding approach	Understand the contextual safeguarding approach and how it may be utilised in child exploitation interventions	December 2018	Child Exploitation manager	Child Exploitation manager attended the Hackney Project conference on 7/12	Green
	Contextual safeguarding training to be	March	Workforce Development	Youth workers in Early Help have received a very basic overview of contextual safeguarding and are	Green

	delivered across the workforce	2020	Officers	keen to receive further training They were able to reflect that a lot of the work they already do is contextual	
Recovery					
What do we want to do	How do we intend to achieve it	By When	Lead professional	Update notes	Status (BRAG)
Reading to become a Trauma Informed Authority	Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma Informed Practice training	March 2019	Area Commander Thames Valley Police	Thames valley Police and Early Help leading this project. Partnership launch events and some task and finish groups have taken place	Green
Development of a child exploitation toolkit	Re-write the old CSE Toolkit to incorporate child criminal exploitation, recent learning and good practice and appropriate resources and signposting	April 2019	Child Exploitation Manager	Existing CSE toolkit has been reviewed and a new Exploitation toolkit is being drafted	Green
Implement good practice guidance on breaking the cycle of child criminal exploitation	Working with specialist services to better understand effective interventions and exit strategies	March 2019	Child Exploitation Manager Service Managers Exploitation Champions	Contact has been made with St Giles Trust Specialist training to be commissioned in new year	Green