

# CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION STRATEGY

## Annual Report April 2013 – March 2014

#### Introduction

The child sexual exploitation (CSE) work in Derby is driven by a multi agency partnership and action plan coordinated through the Derby Safeguarding Children Board. Derby has a well developed strategy on CSE and works with young people and families who are at risk of or have experienced sexual exploitation. We operate a virtual team model and have achieved national recognition through OFSTED and the Office of Children's Commissioner for our proactive and 'excellent joined up approach' (Ofsted 2012, OCC 2013). Finally we were included in the celebrations held for Bedfordshire University and their award of the Queens Anniversary Prize. Bedfordshire University is a centre of excellence in context to CSE, and they acknowledged Derby's CSE strategy as an outstanding contributor to research. The Queen and Prince Philip presented the awards and it was a fantastic day and great privilege to be invited.

The issues of CSE and Trafficking remain a priority for Derby Safeguarding Children Board and its partners and we have a strong commitment to improving responses to young people at risk of or experiencing CSE. This approach is balanced with an equal focus on identifying and disrupting offenders. We are proud to have developed an effective approach to this form of abuse.

## The current partners are:

Police	Social Care /CJS	Health	Education	Voluntary Sector
Child Sexual Exploitation Team	Derby Safeguarding Board	Safeguarding Team	Learning and Inclusion team	Safe and Sound
Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership	CYP multi-agency teams	Royal Derby Hospital	Kingsmead PRU	Breakout
City & Neighbourhood Partnerships	Children in Care Team Manager	GUM Clinic	Landau Forte Academy	Aquarius
Child Abuse Unit	MAT/Runaways	CAMHS	Lakeside Primary	STEPS Derventio Housing
Central Referral Unit	Youth Offending Service	School Nurses	New Communities Team Education	Impact Derby
Dangerous Persons Management Unit	4x Childrens Homes		Woodlands School	Women's Work
Public Protection Unit	MST Team		Merrill Academy	Enthusiasm Derby

Police and Crime Commissioner	First Contact Team/Reception Services	Alvaston Primary	YMCA
Gangs Team	Child Abuse Unit	Leesbrook Academy	Advocacy Services
	Careline EDT	Village Primary	Derbyshire Friend

From these agencies we have 18 managers responsible for the delivery and implementation of the CSE action plan and 59 CSE Champions throughout the city.

## Summary of service provision

The strategy and combined service provision is lead by a Child Protection Manager for CSE, located in the Local Authority Children's and Young Peoples Directorate, Quality Assurance Team.

The work in Derby is coordinated in line with the 3 P's set out in the Government Action Plan:



#### PREVENTION:

Throughout the year we have engaged in a number of community and national events to raise awareness of CSE. This has included:

- Get Safe Online Week
- Local mapping of internet use amongst primary and secondary school children
- Workshops in community settings
- Leaflet and Radio campaigns on Sexting issues for young people
- Taking part in and informing national research
- A full days conference on perpetrators and perpetrator behaviours
- Specialist workshops to champions and multi agency teams
- A ½ day conference on gangs and CSE
- Targeted work with New Communities
- Active work on the national Say Something if You See Something Campaign.

In the last year we have developed and expanded the virtual team. We now have 59 CSE champions who coordinate and improve responses to children and families affected by CSE and help to develop professional knowledge and understanding of CSE and related factors.

The champions are trained to identify the early warning signs of CSE, to measure the risk and act appropriately within the Derby Safeguarding Board Procedures. They also

provide advice and guidance to colleagues, cascade information from workshops and research within their department or agency and support young people affected by CSE. Three of the champions are now trained to deliver the one day Safeguarding Board training on CSE and one has specialised to deliver a half day internet awareness course. These developments ensure that we have an enhanced local response to children, families and professionals concerned about CSE.

Central to the CSE strategy is the need for early intervention and prevention work. This ensures that risks do not escalate and young people and families receive appropriate support. This is working well in Derby and many low level risks are managed by a single or dual agency worker outside of the CSE strategy. As a result of this work we have identified a significant reduction in the numbers of young people meeting the threshold for referral to the CSE strategy or child protection strategies. We believe this is directly linked to low level prevention work by CSE champions and other trained staff and parents/carers. Through those interventions young people and families are being educated and levels of risk are reducing. 60 young people have received 1-1 input at this prevention level during this year.

The CSE toolkit was created to provide a practical guide to identifying and dealing with CSE has been updated to ensure it reflects local and national trends and messages from research.

Young people, parents and carers are (circumstances allowing) engaged in the Sexual Exploitation Strategy as partners. We recognise that their participation is key to successful outcomes. As partners, we work to a common aim of reducing or removing risk to all involved and providing information that assists the Police and CPS with the prosecution of offenders.

The broader strategy also enables us to cross reference friends and associates of young people at risk and any links between alleged perpetrators. We work very closely with other agencies to support young people and families and disrupt perpetrators.

Since the beginning of the strategy in 2011, training has been provided to over 3,000 frontline staff across Derby and Derbyshire. We have also been invited to a number of conferences/events in other cities to share our good practice including Dublin, London, Cornwall, Warwickshire, Derbyshire and Birmingham.

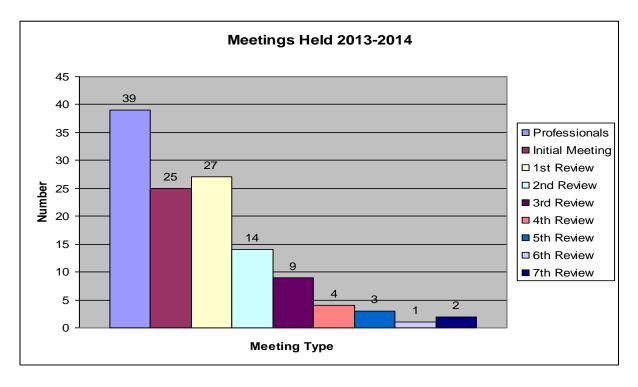
#### PROTECTION:

Referrals come from a number of sources. Any person or professional can make a referral to the Police or Social Care if they suspect a child is being groomed or exploited. New referrals do not always meet the threshold for the Sexual Exploitation Strategy; however advice is always given about how to manage and monitor the issues, relevant resources to use in relation to the presenting information and practical guidance on engaging young people and disrupting those who pose a risk to them. If the reported issue is not an issue of CSE we will signpost to the relevant agency.

## Outcomes and Performance information 2013/14

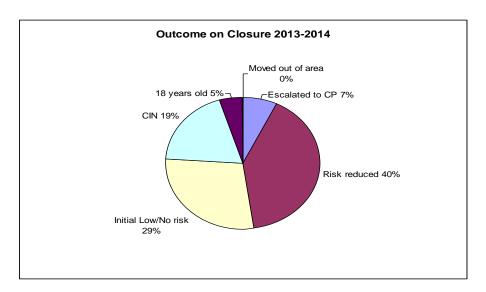
Meetings Held	New	Reviewed	Closed
124	64	99	44

The numbers of new referrals has reduced slightly compared to last year's figure of 127. However the numbers of young people reviewed on the strategy have remained consistent over the last two years at between 80 and 90. From information shared at regional forums, we are comparative to other cities of our size, but have fewer children and young people on Child Protection Plans for the issue of CSE. It is important to reflect that the vast majority of Derby cases are at risk of CSE, very few show evidence of actual exploitation. Of these referrals, 17 were for children in care, 10 of those met the threshold for the strategy and of the 10, 4 were from other local authorities placed in Derby and 6 were resident in Derby. The 7 that did not meet the threshold had low level input or were signposted to other agencies for issues unrelated to CSE.



A higher number of cases were closed during this year (42 cases in comparison to 35 last year). This year 40% of cases were closed due to the risk being removed or reduced to low level compared to 28% last year. Cases are thoroughly reviewed under the multi agency strategy and are only closed where there is a sustainable reduction in risk to the child. Only 7% were escalated to child protection in comparison to 36% last year.

We also have a 50% increase in the number of boys referred to the strategy, however what we know from research is that the ratio of boys to girls at risk or exploited is 1-4, so we need to continue to build on this positive increase.



#### Risk reduction

The analysis of the levels of risk to young people as a result of engagement to the strategy shows that there is a significant reduction of risk for the majority of young people. We measure the levels of risk and additional vulnerability factors at every meeting including network meetings. The official risk rating is recorded at the CSE strategy meeting. Of the young people assessed as high risk at their initial meeting 85.7% have already had the risk removed or reduced within 3 months (54% in 2012-13, 45% in 2011-12). The remaining 14.2% are still to have their next meeting. This is a significant improvement on previous years and demonstrates increasing effective interventions with these young people.

#### Engagement by young people and their families

The Child Protection Manager has visited and spoken to 100 % of young people subject to the strategy before the meetings. These visits are arranged to ensure that the young person and parents/carers understand why they are coming to the meeting and to explain the process. The attendance at meetings is 42% of young people and 48% of family (last year 68 % of young people attending meetings and 77.5% of meetings being attended by the parents or carers). This is a reduction in the numbers attending in previous years. However we have a high number of referrals for young people who cannot attend meetings due to underlying medical or learning needs and a higher number of professionals meetings in this period.

The involvement of the parents and young people in the strategy is fundamental to its success, so this is an area for improvement and monitoring this year.

Evaluation forms for young people indicate that they find CSE meetings very positive. Of the young people who attended meetings, 100% felt listened to, 100% found the meetings supportive (92% previous year), 100% have a better understanding of CSE issues and 87% (previous year 96%) agreed with the CSE plan agreed at the meeting. Often the reason to disagree with the plan is related to actions taken to disrupt or prosecute the person who is deemed to pose a risk to the young person.

Young people's comments following the meeting: 'I'm grateful'
'I want more information about sexual relationships'
'I can ask for help when needed'
'I now have a better view of exploitation'

Give examples of what you're learned:
'Not to talk to everyone'
'To accept my real friends who I know'
'How to keep myself safe'
'Not to meet people I don't know'
'I have learned about sexual exploitation and grooming'

Parents comments following the meeting:
'Working together can be of benefit'
'There is a very good support network in place'
'I have learned more about my relationship with my daughter'
'It's been helpful to learn how to use the internet safely'
'I've learned how to listen instead of judge'

#### Training Delivered

We have continued to run specialist workshops for CSE champions and have a full years programme outlined for the coming year.

We have delivered the DSCB 1 day CSE training 7 times in the last year. These courses have been well attended by a good variety of agencies. The CSE training and risk assessment toolkit is now being delivered in Derbyshire to ensure we have consistent messages across borders.

Feedback from the training:

"Just thought I'd let you know how much I enjoyed the training session"

"This is the best training I have ever done, Lucy is Amazing"

"I have learned so much and will be able to change my approach because of this training"

"Lucy is just inspirational and Mandy's knowledge and style of training is fantastic"

We have complemented this training with specialist conferences including one that focused on understanding perpetrator behaviours both on and offline. This was a great success and involved local speakers from the Police and Local Authority and researches from the National Centre for Research (Steven Webster), London Met University (Maddy Coy) and the regional Sex Offenders Unit (Mark Farmer). We also had input from Sharon Girling, now an internet security consultant, but formerly a key officer responsible for setting up the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre and author of dealing with sexting in schools booklet.

#### Feedback from the conference:

- "The conference was excellent and I felt I had taken a lot from the conference to use in my practice."
- "I found the event interesting and thought provoking."
- "All the speakers were extremely useful and the event has certainly informed my practice as a senior manager."
- "I found the CSE conference extremely useful in extending my understanding of the sociological context in which the victim is placed"
- "Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to attend this conference, there is no doubt these expert speakers really enhanced my practice."

The range of resources around CSE available for staff has been extended, with materials for use with young people, the tool-kit and guidance up-dated on the website and on-line resources (<a href="https://www.derbyscb.org.uk">www.derbyscb.org.uk</a>)

# **PROSECUTION**

#### Police Activity

The 3 P's strategy is devised to address the needs of those at risk of CSE and to disrupt and aid the prosecution of alleged offenders. In Derby over the last year the Police Child Sexual Exploitation Investigation Unit (CEIU) has dealt with:

Referrals	Investigated	Disrupted	Crimes	Arrested

<sup>&</sup>quot;Just brilliant"

<sup>&</sup>quot;This training could not be improved".

94	23	56	23	9
(Individual)	(Cases)	(Individuals)	(Recorded)	(Individuals)

Quote from Detective Chief Inspector Gareth Meadows: Public Protection Unit:

'Derbyshire Constabulary continues to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation in all forms as a top priority. We have a dedicated child sexual exploitation unit (CSEU) allowing a number of officers to solely concentrate on this type of crime. The CSEU is represented on all strategic and operational groups and works very closely with partners to investigate, disrupt and progress prosecutions. Officers from the CSEU have been commended for their work on high profile trials including Operation Kern.

We work closely with the Derby City Councils CSE strategy and its multi agency partners. This means there is a consistent approach to identifying and safeguarding those children at risk of CSE. The Operation Liberty information report form is now well established and assists us to gather information to identify those at risk of child sexual exploitation and those responsible for it. It is important that this multi agency approach continues in these times of austerity.

Through the CSE strategy, work is underway to engage further with those businesses in the private sector to tackle exploitation. Particularly those in the hospitality industry who premises' can become unwittingly involved in exploitation. The new deployment of two dedicated intelligence officers for child exploitation will support investigators with an up to date intelligence picture enabling the best targeting of resources

Online' Exploitation is a growing issue and to combat this area a dedicated team has been created to target offenders who prey on children using the internet. This new unit has the capability to be both proactive and re-active. In addition to investigating reports of abuse that comes from victims and third parties they scour the internet to identify offenders. This is important as on-line activity is often a precursor to off line contact offences.

## Feedback from Safe and Sound (Specialist CSE Service)

"Safe & Sound Derby provides specialist support to children and young people identified as at medium or high risk of sexual exploitation, or those who are victims of this form of abuse. We are proud to be a key member of the Derby CSE strategy and alongside providing support to young people and parents we are part of the multi agency team engaged as strategic and operational partners.

Derby City has a really proactive response to child sexual exploitation (CSE). The CSE Strategy ensures a joined up, co-ordinated approach across all agencies and organisations working with children, young people and families in the city, so that young

people who are being, or at risk of being, sexually exploited are identified and receive appropriate support to meet their needs."

## **Current Strategy**

The original strategy was agreed in 2011 and has been developed since then through action planning and the development of policy and procedures. An up-dated strategy is now being presented to the DSCB. This was drafted in consultation with Derbyshire colleagues and it is hoped that it will be adopted by both LSCBs, to assist those organisations working across the county and to improve co-ordination of services. (See CSE strategy 2014 via www.derbyscb.org.uk)

# The Action Plan Priorities for 2014/15

Area	Tasks
1. Prevention	
Develop approach and practice in relation to online CSE and messages of safety	Engage in local awareness raising and link to national campaigns i.e.Get safe online week
Raise awareness of risk CSE with young people	Improve awarenss of risk to children on the internet and share informaiton with schools and provide a good practice guide for schools on what resources, sessions and policy to use in schools to raise awarenes of CSE amongst teaching staff and young people. Pass to Angela Cole and Education Hub to lead on implementing withinn school.  CSE Prevention Training for schools and youth settings – programme and resources to be developed to deliver in Primary and Secondary School.
Raise awareness of CSE issues with vulnerable communities and parents/carers	Link in with Derbyshire to roll out Chelsea's Choice or alternative.  Targeted work with New Communities and Hot Spots. Promote work with parents and carers.
Gangs and CSE	Take part in 2 year research programme led by the University of Bedfordshire and commissioned by Office of the Childrens

Staff training	Run an event for all staff to roll out the gangs and CSE awareness
	toolkit
	Coordinate training on gangs and CSE to enusre issues are
	overlapped andconsidered in gangs training and all other relevant
	safeguarding training
2. Protection	
Disruption of	Manintain an equal focus on perpetrators
perpetrators	
Agency meetings	Quarterly meetings between Police CSEIU/Safe and Sound and
	CPM CSE to discuss hotspots and any concerns re CSE
Corporate and social	Link to and progress work on the Say something if you see
responsibility	something a campaign
Licesnsing	Promote safeguarding throughout licensed premises
Identify Gaps in Current	Proactive approach to monitoring for gaps in current provision and
Provision	planning intervention
3. Prosecution/Disruptio	n
Problem profiling	Police lead on following ACPO guidance on problem profiling in
	anning to the CCC and Trafficking in Darby/abira Include a profile on
	context to CSE and Trafficking in Derby/shire. Include a profile on
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	implementation of good practice in Derby Quarterly meetigns with the Police, Safe and Sound and Health to discuss CSE issues and gaps in provision
Transition	Link with adult services for continuity for young people
Policy updates	Membership of specific Task and Finish Groups i.e.
	FGM/Trafficking/Internet Safety/ Children with sexually harmful behavours
File Audits	Include CSE files in CYP audit schedule
CSE Proposal and the	Embed the new proposal for locality/agency responsibilities in social
Role of Champion	care and ensure proactive use of champions to support the CSE delivery
6. Media Management	
Coordinated approach	Ensure a proactive joined up media approach.
Celebrate postive	Share postives through DSCB website, VYP news letter and
outcomes/Work	champions

Mandy Macdonald June 2014

# Feedback from service users and partners

I learned who was involved and what they are doing to help me and my family The CSE meetings have been very helpful

I now understand why everyone was worried and I know everything is getting better

I know why the meetings are being held and I know where to get help if I need it.

Thank you, I feel safer now because of the support I have been given,

# Feedback from Partner Agencies:

Just wanted to say how useful I found the training yesterday. It really was excellent, thanks for extending the invitation into the County.

County Safeguarding Team

The strategy and training have been really useful and have helped us to improve our recognition and response to those at risk of CSE.

Royal Derby Hospital Safeguarding Team

'I wanted to let you know how beneficial I found the conference yesterday. The way that all the different agencies involved came together and shared information was really good along with the progress the service user had made with the support that had been put in place. It was identified that parents were working in partnership with the agencies to ensure they do not feel segregated from the process. I found the experience really informative and interesting and feel I have learnt a lot to carry forward into my own practice'. Student Social Worker

# LIST OF CSE CHAMPIONS 2013 - APRIL 2014

<u>Surname</u>	First Name	Title/Agency
Ablett	Katie	SW Reception Team North
Archer	Mandy	Children in Care
<u>Akers</u>	<u>Anna</u>	GUM Clinic
Bailey	<u>Jane</u>	Allestree Woodlands
Barrie	<u>Jill</u>	CYPD MAT L3 /4 Youth
<u>Bayliss</u>	<u>Vera</u>	Partnership Manager City & Neighbourhoods
Blackshaw	<u>Jo</u>	Coronation Avenue
<u>Boyland</u>	<u>Franky</u>	Assistant Head, Kingsmead School
<u>Bray</u>	<u>Lindsay</u>	Children's Practitioner Locality 2
<u>Brunt</u>	<u>Lynne</u>	Breakout (formerly Addaction)
Cave	<u>Andy</u>	Derbyshire Friend
<u>Chohan</u>	<u>Sonia</u>	<u>Aquarius</u>
Coffey	Jo	Manager CIC CYPD
Cole	<u>Angela</u>	Head of Inclusion and Intervention
Cole	<u>Elaine</u>	Deputy Centre Manager, Moorfield Children's Centre
Colebourne	<u>Joanne</u>	Public Protection Assistant, DPMU
Connor	Claire	Safe and Sound
Cross	<u>Elizabeth</u>	Public Protection
Cruickshank	<u>Ann</u>	Head Teacher, Arboretum Primary School
Easthope	Yvonne	Senior Nurse
Ellis	<u>Tina</u>	Derbyshire Friend
<u>Fitzgerald</u>	<u>Sarah</u>	Safeguarding Nurse Royal Derby Hospital
Flavell	Gail	CEIU
Gill	Sinder	Researcher, Public Protection
Grant	Marina	Assistant Unit Manager, Moorfields
Hadley	Chris	Care Line
<u>Hardy</u>	Kathryn	Woodlands School
Hargrave	Estelle	Safeguarding Liaison Nurse
Hill	Sharon	Assistant Manager, Bute Walk
Hornby	<u>Jane</u>	Child Protection Manager, Landau Forte
Joshi	Saroj	Designated Teacher for LAC Kingsmead
Leatherland	Toni	Head of Service Delivery, Enthusiasm
Lewis	Lesley	Child and Family Health Services Derbyshire HFT
Lewsley	Ali	MAT Manager
Lord	Holly	Family Visitor, MAT 3/4
Lovelock	<u>Jackie</u>	Careline
Martin	Laura	Partnership Manager – DV and Sexual Violence
Matthews	Helen	Merryll Academy
Mellors	Natalie	Elmhurst Unit, Moorfield
Miller	Jane	CYPD First Contact Team Manager
Muggleston	Carolyn	Senco, Alvaston Juniors
Murden	Mel	Runaways (MAT)
Murphy	Kev	Leesbrook CP
Myler	Aleksandra	RCCW Bute Walk Children's Home
O'Daley	Jane	Safeguarding Lead RDH (Childrens)
Plested	Beverly	Child and Family Health Services, Derbyshire HFT
Repesa	Adem	New Communities
Richards	Nicola	School Nurse

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Rigby	Claire	Child and Family Health Services, Derbyshire HFT
Ryan	Dr Angella	Governor Brookfield Primary School. Mickleover
Sanghera	Jaz	YOS
Sessions	Sally	Youth MAT
<u>Smales</u>	Lesley	Designated Nurse, CIC
Stevens	Marc	Enthusiasm/YMCA
Stewart	<u>Jacqueline</u>	Governor for Child Protection
		Village Primary
<u>Walters</u>	<u>Nathan</u>	RCCW Bute Walk Children's Home
<u>Ward</u>	Cheryl	Safer Communities
West	<u>Helen</u>	Safe and Sound
Williams	<u>Tandeka</u>	Impact Derby
Wright	<u>Linda</u>	Queensferry Gardens