



Derby City Council

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
SCRUTINY REVIEW BOARD
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ITEM 07

Report sponsor: Suanne Lim, Service Director
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Derby City Council and Partners Child Exploitation (CRE) Annual Report 2021-22

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an annual report of the partnership work on child exploitation in Derby City, documenting the activities and achievements of the local authority and its partners.
- 1.2 The Derby City Council and partners Child Exploitation (CE) Annual Report builds on work that has been developed across the multi-agency partnership of previous years. It provides strong evidence that children within the City who are affected by exploitation are safeguarded from harm.
- 1.3 Over this reporting period significant multi-agency efforts have continued to respond to the evolving landscape of exploitation and risk. These risks include child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation, organised crime and gangs, modern slavery and human trafficking.
- 1.4 The work has been driven through the Exploitation and Vulnerable Young People's Sub-Group of the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership, working thematically to progress the agreed priorities for this area of work.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 The panel is recommended to accept this report as a positive reflection of the partnership approach to identifying and reducing child exploitation in Derby and to support this as a priority area of work to keep children safe from harm.

Reason(s)

- 3.1 A range of agencies (under Section 11 of the Children Act 1989) have a duty to create cultures of safety, equality, and protection with the services they provide
- 3.2 Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) recommends partnership work to ensure children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted (a), Partner organisations and agencies collaborate (b) and there is early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats (c).

Supporting information

- 4.1 Annual report 2021/2022
- 4.2 There are no additional costs or requests of the board

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Stakeholder engagement is excellent and well documented in the report
- 5.2 Participation work with children and families including their direct feedback on support is also clearly documented throughout the report.

Other options

- 6.1 None

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 Core funding for Early Help and Children's Social Care supports Derby City Council's contribution to this area of work. The report evidences increases in identification of cases, which has implication for resources for all partners and this is an agenda which continues to grow in complexity and demand.

Legal implications

- 8.1 As outlined above, addressing and reducing the harm caused by Child Exploitation is part of Derby City Council's statutory responsibilities.

Climate implications

- 9.1 No specific climate implications

Socio-Economic implications

- 10.1 We know that children and young people at risk of exploitation can come from any background, but many will be impacted by multiple socio-economic factors. Partnership activity, including a place-based approach to risk, ensures that these factors are considered and addressed as part of this work.

Other significant implications

- 11.1 None

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	Olu Idowu	16.03.23
Finance	Janice Hatfield	16.03.23
Service Director(s)	Suanne Lim	16.03.23
Report sponsor	Suanne Lim	16.03.23
Other(s)		

Background papers:	Annual report
List of appendices:	A-D contained within annual report