

## CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION STRATEGY

Annual Report April 2012 – March 2013

### Introduction

The child sexual exploitation (CSE) work in Derby is driven by the multi agency partnership and action plan coordinated through the Derby Safeguarding Children Board. Derby has developed an expertise in working with young people who are at risk of or are being sexually exploited. We operate a successful virtual team model that has achieved national recognition for Derby as a city with an excellent 'joined up approach' (Ofsted 2012, OCC 2013).

In December 2012 the impact of that joined up approach was clear from the outcomes achieved in 'Operation Kern'. This operation was responsible for the successful prosecution of another 10 males for sexually exploiting young people. They received a combined total of 49 years imprisonment for their crimes. CSE remains a priority for Derby Safeguarding Children's Board and its partners, with a renewed action plan for 2013/14 with a strong commitment to improving responses to young people at risk of or experiencing CSE and identifying and disrupting offenders. We are proud to have developed an effective approach to this form of abuse.

The current partners are:

Social Care	Police	Community Health services
Safe and Sound	Learning and Inclusion	DerbySafeguarding Board
CYP multi-agency teams	YMCA	Enthusiasm
Breakout	GUM Clinic	Runaways
CSEIU	New Communities	Aquarius
CAMHS	City & Neighbourhood Partnerships	STEPS
Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership	Derventio Housing	Youth Offending Service

### Summary of service provision

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

<b>Prevention</b>	<b>Protection</b>	<b>Prosecution</b>
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The strategy and combined service provision is lead by a Child Protection Manager for CSE, located in the Council's CYPD Quality Assurance Service.

The strategy has introduced the role of CSE champions to coordinate and improve responses to concerns within individual agencies. The champions are trained to assist colleagues or clients to identify the early warning signs of CSE, measure the risk and act appropriately within the Derby Safeguarding Board Procedures. They will also cascade information from workshops and research within their department or agency ensuring that we have a good local and national overview of CSE issues. The number of Champions and the roles they represent has increased over the year.

Training has been provided to a large number of frontline staff across children's services including schools, and a tool-kit provided to help them identify and assess risks of CSE. Low level risks will be addressed by professionals involved with the young person to support them and prevent risks developing.

When a young person is identified as being at medium or high risk with the tool-kit, they are referred to the Child Protection Manager and a Sexual Exploitation meeting is convened. The Sexual Exploitation meeting is a multi-agency forum that seeks to:

- Gather information regarding the sexual exploitation of the young person
- Identify support for the young person and their family
- Agree a course of action on any offenders identified
- Systematically gather information on any person who poses a risk to the young person

Young people and parents or carers are invited to attend Sexual Exploitation meetings unless the parents or carers are implicated in the sexual exploitation. The strategy aims to involve young people, parents and carers as partners with the common aim of reducing risk, and preventing or stopping the sexual exploitation of young people. Where appropriate, a young person may also become subject to a child protection plan.

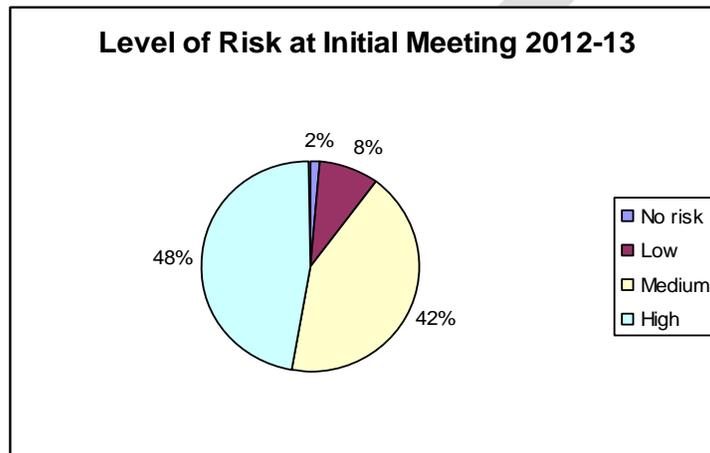
The broader strategy also enables us to cross reference associates and young people to show links between alleged perpetrators and different groups of people on a city wide basis. This allows others to be targeted for action and support.

### Outcomes and Performance information 2012/13

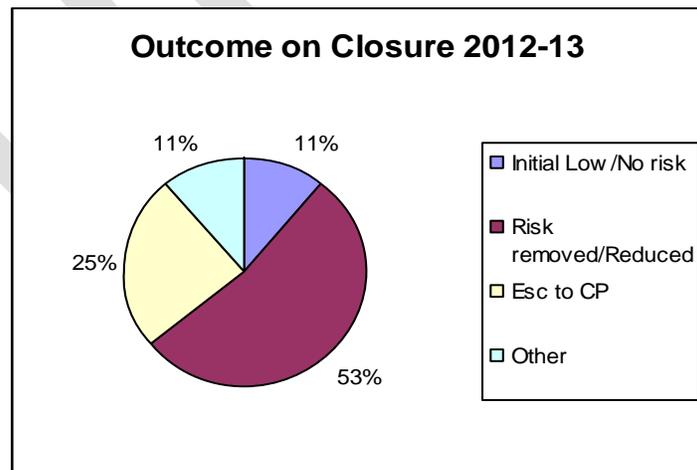
Referrals come from a number of sources, either directly to the child protection manager CSE via CSE Champions or normal safeguarding processes. Any person or professional can make a referral to the Police or Social Care if they have significant safeguarding concerns about a child. New referrals do not always meet the threshold for the Sexual Exploitation Strategy; however advice is given about how to manage the issues and what resources are effective. If the issue is not directly in context to CSE we will signpost to the relevant agency.

<b>Enquiries</b>	<b>Initial Meetings</b>
170	61
<b>Currently Reviewed</b>	<b>Closed Cases</b>
66	35

Around a half of enquiries are from CYPD staff, with schools, Police, Community Health and Safe and Sound making up most of the remainder. Almost half of children who became subject to a CSE meeting, where assessed as being at high risk of CSE.



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. Out of the young people assessed as high risk at their initial meeting, 54% have already had the risk removed or reduced within 3 months (last year was 45%) and 9% have been escalated to Child Protection because they have met the significant harm threshold and there are additional issues to be addressed.



Engagement by young people and their families

The Child Protection Manager has visited and spoken to 100% of young people subjected to the strategy. These visits are to ensure that the young person understands why they are coming to the meeting and to explain the process. The attendance at meetings has been very successful with 68 % of young people attending meetings and 77.5% of meetings being attended by the parents or carers. There are some parents and children who cannot attend meetings due to underlying medical or learning needs, they are visited and the meetings are discussed with support from the relevant agencies. The involvement of the parents and young people in the strategy is fundamental to its success.

Evaluation forms for young people indicate that they find CSE meetings very positive. Of the young people who attended meetings, 100% felt listened to, 92% found the meetings supportive, 100% have a better understanding of CSE issues and 96% agreed with the CSE plan agreed at the meeting.

Young people's comments following the meeting:

*'It helped my realise the dangers'*

*'I do agree that there are risks'*

*'Thank you for all the support'*

*"I think all my friends should have to do this because lots of them take risks on the internet"*

*"Reading other young people's stories helped a lot, I realised it wasn't just me"*

*"I think I am safe but I know why people are worried"*

Give examples of what you're learned:

*'I need to choose the right people to hang around with and to keep safe'*

*'I've learned how to be more aware on the internet'*

*'I now understand more about the risks of sexual exploitation'*

Parents comments following the meeting:

*'I need to report to Police when my child is missing'*

*'I was listened to and treated fairly'*

*'I'm pleased my comments were heard'*

96% of young people and 98% of parents felt listened to and found the meeting supportive.

### Police Activity

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

<b>Disrupted</b>	<b>Arrested*</b>	<b>Charged</b>	<b>Prosecuted</b>
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\* Of those arrested 3 are ongoing, 4 no further action and 2 charged. Additionally, eight abduction Notices were issued.

This figure includes the successful prosecution of individual in Operation Kern, as described in the introduction. This involved very effective partnership working to bring the case to trial and support the victims to secure convictions and protect them from harm in the process. There was considerable media attention which was well managed across the partnership and largely positive.

Work with Social Care and Safe and Sound is a type of disruption/intervention. With some of the CSE referrals it was established, after joint visits, there were no offences for CEIU to investigate. In each case support from either Social Care and/or Safe and Sound has been given, along with local Safer Neighbourhood Teams to monitor/gather any new intelligence/information.

Quote from Detective Inspector Harry Dick, Public Protection Unit:

*'Derbyshire Constabulary is committed to tackling Child Sexual Exploitation in all forms as a top priority. We are increasing our staffing commitment to the Child Exploitation Investigation Unit by 25%, in order to deal with the increasing number of online investigations: as technology has advanced, so has the use of that technology to facilitate the abuse and exploitation of children.'*

*Quality information and intelligence is essential in tackling child sexual exploitation and to this end we have deployed one Detective from the Child Exploitation Unit to the Central Referral Unit to assist in coordinating all intelligence around Child Sexual Exploitation and missing children. We continue to strive towards achieving a Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) based at our Ripley Headquarters and work towards developing improved strategies and tactics around safeguarding missing and absent children.*

*We have created Operation Liberty in order to gather all relevant information to identify those at risk of child sexual exploitation. Operation Liberty will assist in coordinating the sharing of information between partner agencies in order that the appropriate resources can be deployed, in order to carry out early intervention, safeguard children and prosecute perpetrators.*

*We have seen the benefit of the excellent partnership approach taken within Derby City for identifying and safeguarding those children at risk of sexual exploitation. A cornerstone of this approach is the involvement of Safe and Sound and the fantastic work they do in supporting those children who have been subject of sexual exploitation or at risk of being sexually exploited'.*

## Training Delivered

There have been 3 workshops for CSE Champions regarding their role, CSE and the Law and Operations Kern and Retriever.

2 training days have been delivered for School Providers in Derby, comments for which include:

*'Thank you for top quality training, it was a resounding success'*

*'The CSE training was both informative and valuable'*

*'This information is what people have been shouting for years but have not been listened to. It's so refreshing now that it is being taken seriously and the word is spreading'*

There have been 6 training days delivered by Safe and Sound and the lead CPM on behalf of DSCB, 5 of these Introduction to Safeguarding and CSE, and 1 at Level 3 which evaluated as excellent . Comments include:

*'Thoroughly informative and thought provoking session'*

*'Very valuable course that will positively impact on my work'*

*'Difficult subject dealt with well'*

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 ([www.derbyscb.org.uk](http://www.derbyscb.org.uk))

## Ofsted evaluation January 2013)

Derby CYPD was subject to an Ofsted Safeguarding inspection in December 2012. The inspectors particularly focused on activity around CSE and were impressed with what they observed:

Quotes

*'Work to manage and address issues of child sexual exploitation (CSE) is robust and effective with full engagement of all partner agencies at both strategic and operational levels'*

*'Children and young people at risk of, or being, sexually exploited benefit from highly effective work coordinated through the child sexual exploitation (CSE) strategy that is overseen by a dedicated and specialist Child Protection Manager. The young people and their families are fully engaged in strategy meetings, plans and reviews. Evidence demonstrates the successful reduction of risk and disruption of harmful activity'*

*'Where young people are at risk of CSE very effective work has reduced levels of risks in the vast majority of cases'.*

*'The council and its partners have taken a highly proactive and robust response to CSE and have developed a CSE risk assessment toolkit which is an excellent guide and support for practitioners in all services. It ensures a consistent high quality response for young people at risk'*

*'Partner agencies are fully engaged as evidenced by the successful appointing of 30 CSE champions in a wide range of agencies who offer consultation and advice to professionals'.*

Future work – Action plan 2013/4

Tasks	Timescale 2013 /2014
Update the Risk Assessment Toolkit and Indicators of CSE	May 2013
Practice and procedure development: Peer grooming and link to ACYP procedures	Dec 2013
Improve and develop professional approach and practice in relation to online CSE	March 2014
Further develop and implement disruption activity in relation to offenders	March 2014
Promote knowledge and awareness of intervention models to engage young people and promote resilience and professional persistence	March 2014
CSE Prevention Training for schools – programme and resources for Safe and Sound to deliver in Primary and Secondary School.	Dec 2013
Maintain and develop the pool of CSE Champions across all agencies and ensure all relevant staff are appropriately trained.	March 2014
Report to Vulnerable Young People Group and respond to strategic direction, to promote working across strategies and agencies to meet the needs of all vulnerable young people.	From March 2013
Develop approach and practice in relation to prevention of CSE within the entertainment and hotel sector and night time economy.	April 2014
Implement National Hotels Campaign	Summer 2013
Raise awareness of CSE and prevention in the community	March 2014
Produce Annual Report to analyse activity and effectiveness of the strategy.	May 2013
CPM feedback on quality of multi-agency activity re CSE meetings	Ongoing
External commission of evaluation for BD09 actions and impact of these.	June 2013
Learning review in relation to Kern investigation completed, and disseminated to relevant staff and recommendations implemented.	July 2013

Maintain and develop performance measures and indicators to inform agencies of the extent of CSE locally and the impact of activity.	From March 2013
Ensure staff advised and updated on national developments. Consider implementation of recommendations.	Ongoing
Participate in national research project and consider implementation of findings	2012-2015
Develop the existing multi agency media strategy	July 2013

Mandy Macdonald July 2013

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## Feedback from service users

'I have learned not to get involved with older men'  
Young Person

'I can talk to people without being scared'  
Young Person

'People are here to help and we were listened to'  
Parent

'I've learned how to talk with my family more'  
Young Person

'People are here to help and we were listened to'  
Parent'

'Things were put in place, not only to support my daughter but also myself'  
Parent

## Feedback from Partner Agencies:

A well organised meeting that was sensitive to the power dynamics within the room. I was really impressed that the meeting was held in an anti-oppressive positive manner – CAMHS Practitioner

We have seen the benefit of the excellent partnership work in Derby

Detective Inspector DPMU/CSEIU

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. Identifying that the parents were working in partnership with the agencies was great too. I found the experience really informative and interesting and feel I have learnt a lot to carry forward into my own practice. Student Nurse.

The CSE work in Derby is fantastic, it really has made a difference to young people and professional understandings

Education Manager