

**COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL  
PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION – ACTION PLAN**

**7 OCTOBER 2014**

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
<p>a) That the MSCB and the Wellbeing, Care and Learning departments undertake a short sharp review of their operational and strategic plans against the 7 principles of the See Me Hear Me framework contained within the Office of the Children’s Commissioner Document– ‘If only someone had listened’ and any other appropriate national guidance to ensure that and that officers are confident that their policies and procedures are robust. The MSCB and the Wellbeing, Care and Learning department should report back to the panel in 6 months on this matter. (para 40)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The work being driven by the Strategic Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked (VEMT) group on behalf of the four Tees LSCBs seeks to address many of the required actions listed under the 7 ‘See me hear me’ principles. A benchmarking (gap analysis) exercise requires to be conducted to ensure any gaps in support and/or service provision are addressed. This will be carried out under the direction of the Strategic VEMT group.</li> </ul>	<p>Strategic VEMT Group Chair</p>	<p>Nil</p>	<p>By January 2015</p>
<p>b) That the Council consider adding information to the JSNA about the prevalence of CSE and determine appropriate commissioning decisions and priorities. (para 45)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the scope for a detailed needs assessment for Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked (VEMT) children with the Tees Valley Directors of Public Health as part of the 2014 JSNA children’s section refresh. Recommendations</li> </ul>	<p>Edward Kunonga</p>	<p>Nil</p>	<p>March 2014</p>

	to be taken into account in developing future commissioning intentions.			
c) That the Council and the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel makes representation to the Government to ask them to alter the process for applications made to the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency – DVSA (formally Vehicle and Operator Services Agency - VOSA) for a Public Service Vehicle (PSV) licence to operate a public hire vehicle of 9 seats or more. The Council would suggest that the DVSA process is aligned to the Council's licence application process (for private hire licences for vehicles of less than 8 seats) which ensures that all drivers have undertaken a DBS check and that any drivers involved with the exploitation of children would have their licence suspended. (para 57)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A letter has been written and sent to the DVSA. It includes all of the issues within the recommendation.</li> </ul>	Tim Hodgkinson	Nil	Achieved
d) That the Licensing Team and the Council's safeguarding team review their lines of communication to ensure that there is a robust method of sharing information between the teams and ensure that the teams are confident that their process of information sharing is fit for purpose. In particular when details are	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Licensing Team is now represented on the VEMT Sub-Group of the MSCB.</li> </ul>	Neil Pocklington/ Tim Hodgkinson via VEMT Sub-Group	Nil	31.10.14

received by the licensing team that these are shared with the VEMT – Perpetrators group <b>(para 61)</b>				
e) That a 6 monthly update is provided to the panel from the Executive Member for Children’s Services and the Deputy Director - Safeguarding on how the problem is being addressed and if the objectives of the VEMT are being implemented and an update on progress against targets with regard to CSE. <b>(para 96)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update reports will be provided by the Executive Member and Assistant Director</li> </ul>	Neil Pocklington	Nil	February 2015
f) The panel were extremely supportive of the work of the VEMT. The panel would like to see that, through the Council’s representative on the VEMT group,				
i. That the VEMT explore methods of improving information sharing, especially between the LSCB and the health sector. <b>(para 99)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information is now shared at each meeting of the VEMT Sub-Group. Members understand the context for sharing information and work within the Information Sharing Protocol.</li> </ul>	Gary Watson	Nil	30.09.14
ii. The VEMT’s work to engage with local businesses to raise the awareness of CSE is given a high priority. <b>(para 100)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Say Something See Something Campaign.</li> </ul>	Mark Braithwaite	Nil	30.09.14

<p>g) Following the mapping exercise on CSE training that the Council is undertaking the Wellbeing, Care and Learning Department should ensure <b>(para 102)</b></p> <p>i. That all foster carers and residential care home staff have received up to date training on spotting the signs of sexual exploitation and know who to contact if they have suspicions or an incident to report.</p> <p>ii. That an e-learning training course on CSE awareness should be offered to all Councillors and council staff, especially front line workers. Details should be kept of who has received the training and when any refresher</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training is available to Foster Carers both taught and e-learning via the MSCB.</li> <li>• Children’s Homes staff have received training on recognising the signs of sexual exploitation and understand referral routes and information sharing processes.</li> <li>• Barnardo’s developed and have delivered DFE initiatives to equip foster carers with the ability to identify and manage risk of CSE and to become specialist CSE foster carers. Barnardo’s can provide intensive weekly support to young people and input into families/carers/residential settings through spot purchase as required Barnardo’s would be happy to continue training, support and awareness raising in this arena.</li> <li>• Training is available to all staff via the MSCB. See MSCB website on the Council website.</li> <li>• NWG has a course ready for implementation and available to all Local Authorities.</li> </ul>	<p>Sam Addison Jane Wilson</p> <p>Jenny Dalby</p> <p>Wendy Shepherd Clare Sullivan</p> <p>Sam Addison</p>	<p>Nil</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>30.09.14</p>
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<p>training needs to be offered.</p> <p>iii. That a well-publicised dedicated contact officer is named so that that people can contact should they suspect that CSE is taking place. <b>(para 44,(i))</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council's First Contact Team has specialist staff who are trained in recognising signs and symptoms of CSE.</li> <li>• Cleveland Police have relaunched the "Shield" document to gather intelligence on CSE activity.</li> </ul>	<p>Jane Kochanowski</p> <p>Rob Donaghy</p>	<p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>	<p>30.09.14</p> <p>30.09.14</p>
<p>h) That the agencies involved in Operation Stay Safe, which had been funded by the Youth Crime Action Plan, be asked to consider if it is possible to increase the number of nights they undertake the operation which is currently 20 nights per year. <b>Para 104)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is proposed that the current arrangements continue; the Council will continue to honour its current commitment and will seek to extend its involvement.</li> <li>• Barnardo's would welcome an increase in the nights covered for this operation; it has the staff and capacity to help facilitate this, should the Council wish to increase provision and funding for this.</li> <li>• Cleveland Police to confirm their commitment to this operation.</li> </ul>	<p>Middlesbrough Council</p> <p>Wendy Shepherd Clare Sullivan Stuart Higgins</p> <p>Cleveland Police</p>	<p>Current cost is £32,400. 20 Extra nights would be an additional £32,400</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>30.09.14</p> <p>30.09.14</p>
<p>i) Whilst recognising that a number of Middlesbrough's secondary schools are now independently run academies, the panel want the Children, Families and Learning Department to consider:</p>				

<p>i. How schools can be assisted to employ non-teaching staff who can maintain the preventative work around safeguarding and CSE and have the capacity to deal with any CSE issues where they may occur. Schools may wish explore ways to pool budgets to ensure that they have sufficient funding for training and can share costs to maximise resources. <b>(Para 137 (i))</b></p> <p>ii. Finding a small amount of funding to provide trained counsellors for schools (again this could be completed with pooled budgets and schools sharing the resource. <b>(para 130)</b></p> <p>iii. Helping and encouraging schools to introduce mechanism for an officially recognised system of supervision for teaching staff involved in dealing with CSE. <b>(Paras 40 (vi) and 135)</b></p> <p>iv. Entering into a dialogue with schools and other agencies which involve working with young people in order to share the best practice and experiences in Acklam School across the town. <b>(para 134)</b></p> <p>v. Ensuring all schools are regularly reminded of the warning signs of child sexual exploitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSCB training is available to all schools through the MSCB Training Programme. The Child Protection Advisor is available to all schools and academies to provide advice and assistance.</li> <li>• Barnardo's and Safeguarding staff to be invited to an appropriate forum of Head Teachers to highlight the issues raised in the Scrutiny report and encourage them to identify staff to lead on this issue and to allocate funding for their budgets for training where they have not already taken this up (I and v).</li> <li>• Designated Teachers for LAC to be made aware of CSE risks given the disproportionate number of victims from this category.</li> <li>• Middlesbrough Schools' Teaching Alliance to be approached to consider facilitating training and co-ordinating a system of supervision for teaching staff involved in dealing with CSE.</li> <li>• Bungalow Partnership and REACH Partnership (both currently being commissioned by Middlesbrough Achievement Partnership to provide support for emotional wellbeing) to be asked to include referrals from schools for CSE victims within their counselling and intervention</li> </ul>	<p>Mary Griksaitis</p> <p>Assistant Director Learning &amp; Skills</p> <p>Virtual School Head Teacher</p> <p>Assistant Director Learning &amp; Skills</p> <p>Assistant Director Learning &amp; Skills</p>	<p>Nil</p> <p>School Budgets</p> <p>Nil – officer time</p> <p>Estimates need to be obtained for training costs.</p> <p>Nil – use existing services commissioned by MAP</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>November 2014</p> <p>November 2014</p> <p>March 2015</p> <p>October 2014</p>
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	<p>programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acklam Grange's practice to be discussed at HeadStart Steering Group to explore opportunities for building this into the Stage 2 project and at MAP Early Help Task &amp; Finish Group to extend it to other schools.</li> <li>• Child Protection Advisor to take forward into school work plans.</li> <li>• A designated Barnardo's Education Worker could offer advice and guidance to teaching staff when dealing with CSE. This could be offered on a spot purchase basis.</li> <li>• Information on MSCB events and newsletters to be circulated to all schools. This will ensure that schools receive notice of specific training and practice development.</li> <li>• Section 11 audit to be rolled out across schools.</li> <li>• Barnardo's staff could hold regular forums with teaching staff to review CSE risk indicators and assess emerging themes on a regular basis. Barnardo's have leaflets and literature ready with signs and risk indicators alongside localised specialist CSE education packs, films and apps.</li> </ul>	<p>Mary Griksaitis</p> <p>Wendy Shepherd Clare Sullivan Michelle Johnson</p> <p>Gary Watson</p> <p>Wendy Shepherd Clare Sullivan Michelle Johnson</p>	<p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>	<p>October 2014</p> <p>December 2014</p> <p>December 2014</p>
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