

Presentation

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CSE

Child Sexual Exploitation

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What is CSE?

Why is it so high profile?

**What are we doing in
Hampshire to tackle it?**

National Definition of Child Sexual Exploitation

- “The sexual exploitation of children and young people under 18 involves exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where young people (or a third person or persons) receive ‘something’ (e.g. food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of performing, and/or others performing on them, sexual activities.

Child sexual exploitation can occur through use of technology without the child’s immediate recognition, for example the persuasion to post sexual images on the internet/mobile phones with no immediate payment or gain. In all cases those exploiting the child/young person have power over them by virtue of their age, gender, intellect, physical strength and/or economic or other resources.”

- **CSE is present in every city in the UK, yet there have been limited convictions and there is a limited intelligence picture. This is mainly due to the victim’s reluctance to engage.**

Nov 2010 Derbyshire Grooming Operation Retriever



Eight men were convicted of systematically grooming and sexually abusing 26 teenage girls after a police undercover investigation.

May 2012 Rochdale grooming



Nine men jailed. The men plied their victims with drink and drugs so they could "pass them around" for sex

May 2013 - Oxford Operation Bullfinch



Guilty verdicts over child rapes. Seven members of a sex grooming ring have been convicted of abusing children from Oxford. An old bailey jury heard six girls were drugged and suffered sadistic abuse while aged between 11 and 15. The court heard victims were plied with alcohol and drugs before being forced to perform sex acts. Some had also been beaten, burnt and threatened.

Rotherham Child Sexual Exploitation Scandal

- **Widespread child sexual abuse between 1997 and 2013, and its alleged cover-up.**
- **In 2010, five men of Pakistani heritage were found guilty of a series of sexual offences against girls as young as twelve.**
- **An independent inquiry into child sexual exploitation in Rotherham, led by Professor Alexis Jay.**
- **The Inquiry's report found that around 1,400 children had been sexually exploited in the town between 1997 and 2013.**
- **Predominantly by gangs of British-Pakistani men.**
- **Abuses described by the report included abduction, rape and sex trafficking of children.**



National Picture

A growing number of research reports highlighted the increasing issue of child exploitation;

- DfE, (2011), 'Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation' Action Plan
- Home Office, (2011), Missing Children and Adults
- HM Government, (2011), Ending Gang and Youth Violence
- The Children's Commissioner for England, (2012), interim report - Child Sexual Exploitation in Gangs and Groups (CSEGG)

National Picture

- HM Government (2009 / 2013), Safeguarding children and young people from sexual exploitation:
- Government focus for next 2 years is set on improving Safeguarding Children. Succession of police inspections due over next 2 years including CSE Online, Grooming & Trafficking, Missing Children, Slavery
- Criminal Justice Joint inspection on safeguarding & Protecting Vulnerable People

What are we doing in Hampshire?

Strategically;

- CSE is a Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board priority for 14/15
- Strategic 4 authority Local Safeguarding Children Board Missing Exploited and Trafficked (MET) group – pan Hampshire approach
- Newly revised 4 LSCB MET protocol
- Hampshire MET, reports to Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board
- Tri-authority operational group

What are we doing in Hampshire?

Operationally;

- **Hampshire MET** - Children's Services and wide range of multi agency partners.
- An operational focus and co-ordination to the work to reduce the exploitation of children in Hampshire.
- Develop, share and promote best practice across Hampshire for those working/coming into contact with children who may be at risk of exploitation.

What is the MET doing?

Rolled out the Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework form (SERAF) as tool of choice

Aligned pathways to fit with SERAF;

0-5 = Category 1: (Not at risk)

6-10 = Category 2: (Mild risk)

11-15 = Category 3: (Moderate risk)

16 + = Category 4: (Significant risk)

Based on the outcome practitioners can put in place appropriate safety to address the identified concerns. As a guide only, we might expect the following level of response to each category, although every case must be assessed on an individual basis.

Hampshire MET....

Outcomes from a SERAF:

Category 1 - Barnardo's leaflet "spot the signs".

Category 2 - As category 1 with additional keep safe work from Early Help services.

Category 3 - Multi-agency strategy/planning meeting at tier 3/4 to ensure appropriate safety plans in place.

Category 4 - Section 47 child protection investigation, Child Protection Conference, Legal strategy Meeting, Police Protection, longer term interventions at tier 4.

Hampshire MET

Commissioning training;

Chelsea's Choice (theatre company) are delivering awareness raising within secondary schools

Child Trafficking training – all R&A staff to be trained

Child Sexual Exploitation e-learning course is now displayed on the Learning Zone

<https://learningzone.hants.gov.uk/learningzone/course.aspx?courseid=46878>

What else are we doing to tackle CSE?

- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) - strengthen our front door and offer the right service to the right children
- Children's Reception Team (CRT) screen all referrals aged 10+ for CSE
- SERAF for all CLA in out of county provision and in-house residential
- SERAF for all children placed outside of Hampshire irrespective of the placement
- Supporting police operations, pan-Hampshire

Missing

- Research shows that children who go missing, particularly children looked after, although not exclusively, are more at risk of CSE.
- In January 2014 the DfE issued new statutory guidance in relation to children who run away or go missing from home and care.
- The safeguarding board should receive and scrutinise regular reports from the local authority analysing data on children missing from home and from care. As part of this, they should review analysis of return interviews.

Missing.....

- Arrangements to monitor outcomes and analyse patterns including of children placed in the area by other local authorities, must be in place.
- Arrangements for information sharing between the local authority, the police and other agencies must be in place (MASH).
- Details of preventative approaches to avoid further instances of running away, including the provision of alternative accommodation when appropriate.

Missing.....

- When a child has run away or is missing from home they should be able to easily access support services, such as help lines or emergency accommodation.
- Support should also be made available to families to help them understand why the child has run away and how they can support them on their return.
- Independent (not from the local authority) return interviews; when a child is found, they must be offered an independent return interview.

Missing.....

- Repeatedly going missing should not be viewed as a normal pattern of behaviour.
- If a child has run away two or more times, local authorities should ensure a discussion is held, either with the child, their family or both.
- We undertake an assessment of the child at this point.

CSE – your role

- Ask yourself why? Don't assume and always challenge the 'she is a difficult teenager' myth
- CSE is prevalent everywhere and therefore it is happening in Hampshire
- Think the unthinkable
- Raise CSE awareness with your colleagues

Resources / information

A lot of resource is available online both Hantsnet and the HSCB web site;

<http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk/resources-policies-guidance.html> under the letter C.

These include the following:

[CSE: CEOP 'can you recognise the signs' video](#)

[CSE: Barnardo's 'Spot the signs' leaflet](#)

[CSE: DfE 'What to do if you suspect a child is being sexually exploited'](#)