

Summary of the work carried out by Partner agencies and sub groups to deliver the Bracknell Forest LSCB CSE Strategy and Action Plan December 2013 – June 2014

Prevention.

- Safeguarding in Schools – 'Chelsea's choice' returned to the Borough for the second year in a row in May and had performances over 3 days at 5 secondary schools, showing their powerful production to around 1800 young people in years 8 and 9.
Chelsea's story is played out and examined by 3 students, who along with their teacher, attempt to understand what happened to Chelsea and how this could have been prevented. These sessions in school have been followed up with PSHE time where the issues have been followed up in more detail in smaller group discussions.
Leaflets designed by Barnardos on the issues surrounding CSE, including spotting the signs and indicators and where to get help, have been circulated through these schools for Parents, Young People and School Staff.
Further resources have been collated and developed and shared with PSHE leads to ensure that age appropriate materials and PSHE inputs are being shared with children and young people across each of the Key Stages. This includes specifically designed programmes by the LA Safeguarding and Inclusion Team for KS1, 2 and 3 and the use of the CEOP programme 'Exploited' and 'My Dangerous Loverboy' for KS4.'
- E Safety sub group - e-safety training sessions for the workforce took place twice in this time period on 28 March 2014 and 14 May 2014, the training package includes awareness-raising of the signs of child sexual exploitation and where to go for help
- Quality Standards sub group - The LSCB's Quality Standards and Case Review Sub Group completed an in depth multi-agency case review of 3 CSE cases and a learning event for practitioners is being planned focussing on one of the cases audited. The learning from these case audits are being taken forward by the new Learning and Improvement sub group which has replaced the QSCR sub group
- Bracknell Forest Youth Service - Raising Awareness: Most of the Youth Work staff have received CSE training or are signed up to it for the coming sessions. Additional session for staff being organised for September 2014 to delve deeper and understand the Assessment Tool and how to complete. Young people from the Youth Council have assessed the Barnardo's App on CSE and fed back to staff
- Berkshire Sexual Health Service - Discussed issues around consensual sex and exploitation with all young persons attending clinic.
- Public Health - As a member of the Bracknell Forest CSE Strategic Group, Public Health has raised the profile of child exploitation via the online Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and has made recommendations that professionals working with children and young people need to be alert to the risk factors and signs of child sexual exploitation.

- YOS – All operational staff have participated in LSCB training appropriate to their role.
- Adult Social Care and Housing - The Chair of the CSE Group attended the Adult Social Care Health & Housing Managers Forum to highlight the work being done around CSE. As a result it was agreed that a representative from Housing would be identified and would join the CSE Strategic Group.

Identification

- Thames Valley Police, Bracknell LPA - All persons identified through the CSE operational group have been placed on Bracknell NHPT (Neighbourhood Team) patrol plans for:
The areas they live.
For the areas they frequent.
Hotspot areas are also identified for patrol and disruption, currently – The Point, Drum Car park, Brackenhale school, roads leading to including underpasses, the sports pavilion at the rear of the sports centre.
New locations have been identified as Mill Pond and Birch Hill – primarily near Sainsbury and the South Hill Park- near Birch Hill shops.
- Public Health – Working closely with members of the Strategic CSE group to look at including more data and information about CSE within Bracknell Forest to inform commissioning plans
- Children’s Social Care – developed an episode on case management system (Framework i) in order to identify children and young people who are the subject of CSE referrals. Decision made to identify and discuss missing children at a local panel (rather than pan Berkshire) which will merge with Bracknell Forest CSE operations group
- YOS – young people at risk of or perpetrating CSE are identified through ASSET or ONSET (national assessment tools for young offenders or those ‘at risk’ of offending) and referred to CSE operations group using common risk assessment tool. All YOS practitioners and managers have had in house training on identification of boys at risk of grooming and CSE. Training tools in respect of boys + have been shared with CSE operations group co chairs
- LSCB Partnership and Performance Officer and LSCB Business Manager – work is underway to establish a database of information on young people across Bracknell Forest who are at risk of CSE
- BHFT and Sexual Health Service - Implemented national proforma to identify CSE in sexual health setting in all clinics attended by young persons. Widening of CSE multi disciplinary meeting to include all clinical staff. Use of CSE risk assessment tool for referral of cases into CSE Operations Meeting or Children’s Social Care child protection service. This tool has been adopted across all areas of BHFT

Support

- Bracknell Forest YOS - delivered 3 x groupwork programmes for girls at risk of CSE, using the ‘My dangerous loverboy’ DVD and Love and Lies programme. One of these groups took place with pupils of the PRU and the other 2 groups worked with girls referred by YOS, Childrens Social Care and

FIP. The most recent programme was adapted to include new material i.e DVD 'Sick Party' which was a resource obtained at the NWG 2013 annual conference. Numbers attending have been small, as is often the case with new initiatives.

- Youth Service – staff from the sexual health team are attending the CSE operations group and feeding in information to whole staff team and picking up referrals for those young people at risk of CSE
- E safety Sub Group - the e-safety sub- group is represented on the CSE Operational Group by the BFC Community Safety Officer who has contributed by encouraging practitioners to attend e-safety training in order that they are able to offer support to children if they are being exploited using the internet or mobile phone
- Childrens Social Care – developed a referall pathway and CSE action plan for children and young people, both of which are currently in the process of consultation before being finalised.
- Thames Valley Police Bracknell Forest LPA –Young people at risk of CSE are discussed at police tasking meetings and actions identified for neighbourhood officers to interact with the individuals and their families to provide support and gather information. Actions have been followed up to provide support and gain cooperation from managment staff of Travel Lodge and other local hotels and guest houses following incidents where young people were attending these venues for the suspected purpose of sexual exploitation and drug taking.

Prosecution

- Thames Valley Police - local Action Plan developed and circulated. Current intelligence is concentrated on the identity and locations of four named subjects as offending; TVP Intelligence gathering has successfully named and located all 4 persons. Plans are in place to progress action to prevent and remove the risk of offending. No Linked offences to CSE have been prosecuted at this time, however, current criminal Investigation is under way with one of the named suspected offenders
- Thames Valley Probation - One particular case was identified as a potential source of supplying illicit substances to young people, particularly young females in return for sexual favours. This case was raised to a high risk of serious harm and also raised to a MAPPA Level Two, discussed with other agencies. All cases on licence that have been identified as potential perpetrators of CSE have been flagged and recalled as a result of charges.

