

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PEOPLE IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

9 September 2015

Report of the Vice Chair of People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION: UPDATE ON PROGRESS

1. Purpose of the report

To update the Committee on the progress of the working group's review of child sexual exploitation (CSE).

2. Information

The review of how the authority is working to deter child sexual exploitation was agreed by the Committee on 1 July 2015 and it to be undertaken by the standing safeguarding working group. Lines of inquiry have been established which will encompass service provision (including with victims), partnership working, youth consultation and risk assessment.

Members have held an initial meeting with senior officers who provided an overview of how the authority works to respond to CSE. This was in addition to some pre-reading which was sent to Members. A summary of the current and historic international research and practice that has been carried out in regard to combating CSE and recommendations that have been produced by various reviews, inquiries and reports have also been issued to Members.

Future working group meetings have been established and a draft timetable is in appendix one. Members should note this is open to change as the review process progresses.

3. Considerations (to be specified individually where appropriate)

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Recommendation

That the Committee notes the progress made in the review of CSE.

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Vice-Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People

Appendix One

CSE Scrutiny Review: Progression of Line of Inquiries

To progress the lines of inquiry (LOI), it is proposed to invite the following to working group meetings:

Weds 16th Sept at 10:30am-1pm

- Invite Amanda Clarke and Sara Bartlett from CAYA Safeguarding Services to take Members through CSE Strategy and Action Plan. **(LOI 1)**
- DI Gemma Booth (or representative) to brief Members more on the risk assessment protocols used by the Police on CSE. **(LOI 2)**

Weds 14th Oct at 10:30am-1pm

- Invite representatives from CVS sector, School Improvement Service and Community Safety to brief members on what training and support is being provided to frontline staff, Members and others on CSE. **(LOI 4)**

Weds 18th Nov at 10:30am-1pm

- Invite representatives from victim services such as Derby Safe and Sound, Parents Against Child Exploitation, Barbados to brief members on how victims of CSE are being supported, how services are being used/viewed in the eyes of victims. **(LOI 1).**

Weds 9th Dec at 1pm-3pm

- Invite Cabinet Member for CAYA and Strategic Director (or equivalent – maybe Mel Meggs) to discuss with Members the Councils overall response to CSE, any gaps in service provision identified through the review and potential improvements which could be recommended. **(LOI 5 and 7).**

There has also been an initial meeting with Ruth Peat, Youth Council Officer to discuss and we can progress **LOI 3** which elicits the views of young people.

The full People Committee will be briefed in November on the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report. This can provide members of the working group the opportunity to ask Christine Cassell, the independent chair of the Board how partners are working together in response to CSE.