

Cumbria County Council

**Child Sexual
Exploitation
Update for Scrutiny
Advisory Board –
Children and Young
People**

What did Ofsted say in 2017?

Improved recognition and response to children who go missing and who are at risk of sexual exploitation and other associated dangers, such as alcohol and drug misuse, have resulted in many children becoming looked after as older teenagers.

- Although the response to children who go missing and those at risk of sexual exploitation has improved, **the local authority and wider partnership are aware that further development is required and relevant plans are in place.**

What did Ofsted say in 2017?

- Children who go missing, or who are at risk of sexual exploitation, are identified and their level of risk assessed in a timely way. **For many children, intervention is coordinated well and risks reduce. When this does not happen, some children have to wait too long before their cases are escalated to higher levels of intervention.**
- When children are at risk of sexual exploitation, **risk assessments result in the provision of support. For many children this reduces risk, but for others the support is not well coordinated and, as a result, does not have sufficient impact.**

What did Ofsted say in 2017?

- **A range of actions taken since the last inspection include mandatory training and themed audits. This has led to improved levels of awareness across the partnership and an increase in the numbers of children being identified as being at risk of exploitation. There is also greater use of risk assessments to routinely identify and review levels of risk for children**

Recent Actions taken/ progress to date

- There is a dedicated CSE and MFH Strategic Plan which has recently been updated
- Well attended and active LSCB subgroups- under LSCB: Strategic/ County MET/ Local MACSE- regular challenge and review as these groups have development to improve impact
- Continued reach to ensure wider partnership engagement across all above e.g. Adult Safeguarding, Police, Sexual Health etc.

Recent Actions taken/ progress to date

HL2

- Increased Support available in Cumbria including those at risk of CSE
- Wider remit of Missing, Exploited and Trafficked is now the focus rather than solely Sexual Exploitation. This is reflected in risk assessment tools and other documents
- Recent review of Performance Scorecard for MET to improved understanding, analysis and response to exploitation

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HL2 i think this is getting changed to a MET action plan?
Handley, Lisa, 16/01/19

HL3 not sure what this one means?
Handley, Lisa, 16/01/19

Recent Actions taken/ progress to date

- Introduction of new Risk Assessment Tool which includes “other” exploitation category as well as user informed improvements to the overall risk assessment
- Improved CCC monitoring and response to CSE practice, including reference in monthly performance scorecard
- Developed quarterly Children’s Services CE Champions network

Recent Actions taken/ progress to date

- Developed and delivered new Targeted CSE training to build on past L&D opportunities
- District MACSE meeting chairs have changed to increase and strengthen Multi Agency involvement

What does CSE in Cumbria look like today?

CSE related intelligence report Jan -June 2017 - 961

For the same period 2018 - 664

- Demonstrates increase in awareness and recognition of CSE from 2015 to 2017 (in 2015 there were 91 reports),
- Reductions from 2017 to 2018 as awareness and recognition has become more focused and accurate in relation to assessing CSE and improved understanding of CE not just CSE

CE managed by Social Workers or at Early Help level (snap shot Q2 in 2017 vs 2018)

- **66** in Q2 2017/18 Vs **78** in Q2 2018/19

Current Plans and Priorities

- Developing the impact of Central MET group to develop into a chairs meeting(chairs of Local MACSE) in order to improve safety planning through shared understanding of risk, more focused approach
- Revision of Targeted training, informed by recent delivery and with greater focus on all exploitation not just CSE
- Harmful sexual behaviour training recently commissioned (CCC)

Current Plans and Priorities

- CSE champions group expanding remit to CE champions group with updated membership
- RAT tool- the evaluation of the new tool is due shortly with expectation to develop the safety plan to improve consistency
- Consist interagency challenge (through developments around MET groups) to improve focus on disruption

Current Plans and Priorities

- Developing improved use of intelligence from Health (Sexual Health) to improve focus of work
- Review and improve understanding and application of GDPR and sensitive information pertaining to MET (victims and perpetrators)
- In partnership with internal commission teams, improving understanding of children placed in county with associated risks and concerns, and the impact of networks locally, as well as improving our work with other LAS to ensure individual plans are in place and effective for children