

Prevent

making it more difficult to exploit children

Protect

identifying and safeguarding children who are at risk

Pursue

identifying offenders, disrupting and stopping their activity

STRATEGIC ACTION 1: We will improve the clarity of governance and strengthen leadership arrangements to ensure an effective multi-agency response to CSE

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:

- We will ensure that governance arrangements are documented and shared with all staff
- Multi-agency performance and quality management arrangements will be established to allow for monthly monitoring and evaluation of impact at the LSCB CSE Sub-group and reported to the full board on a quarterly basis
- Ensure appropriate information governance and security arrangements are in place
- We will effectively deploy resources to prevent and protect children and young people from CSE and prosecute the perpetrators
- An independent practice review will be commissioned to assess current services and inform future improvement

STRATEGIC ACTION 2:

We will deliver an effective co-ordinated training, community and schools awareness programme through a multi-agency "Learning, Development and Awareness Strategy"

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:

- All staff will receive training on CSE at a level appropriate to their role within the organisation and their involvement with children and young people, specifically those working with high risk groups
- Senior leaders of all key agencies will ensure they understand the issue of CSE within a National and Local context and will engage with the delivery of the LSCB CSE action plan
- We will educate our children and young people on CSE and its associated dangers to prevent and enable them to protect themselves

STRATEGIC ACTION 3:

We will develop a Multi-agency Media/Communication strategy to ensure consistent and accurate messages are shared with all, in support of public awareness and improved confidence in delivery

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:

- There will be a multi-agency agreement on when/what/how to share local intelligence with the public and staff on local CSE activity, intelligence and hotspots
- Develop a library of awareness materials appropriate to range of staff and members of the public
- We will utilise online technologies and social media to ensure communications reach a wide range of people
- We will proactively engage and educate local businesses whose service types are historically linked to CSE
- We will hold awareness sessions with identified community groups (both geographically and with communities of interests)

STRATEGIC ACTION 4:

We will ensure single and multi-agency processes and procedures are effective, efficient and fit for purpose to support the protection of children and young people from the risks and impact of CSE

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:

- Procedure review for key teams including pathways between partner agencies to ensure effective tasking and co-ordination of activities across the partnership
- We will ensure the Voice and Influence of children and young people is embedded and evidenced in procedures and service improvement
- All agencies will ensure their Information Systems and Standards can effectively support the delivery partnership procedures and enable case tracking and monitoring to ensure effective and efficient services for Children and Young People
- There will be regular and good quality supervision & management oversight of service delivery

STRATEGIC ACTION 5:

We will ensure there is effective protection, support and guidance for victims and potential victims of Child Sexual Exploitation

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:

- There will be a rolling programme of targeted preventative support for high risk groups of Children and Young People including building trust to report incidents of CSE or attempted CSE
- We will ensure there is a framework of support for victims and witnesses throughout the criminal justice process
- There will ensure that victims receive support following prosecution regardless of outcome

STRATEGIC ACTION 6:

We will proactively identify and disrupt places of CSE activity

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:

- Ensure we proactively seek and respond to information and intelligence quickly and appropriately
- Conduct targeted engagement in areas of vulnerability and identified hotspots

STRATEGIC ACTION 7:

We will ensure perpetrators are brought to justice

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:

- Ensure proactive identification of Offenders or Persons showing at risk of offending
- We will conduct a procedure and process review to ensure offenders are prosecuted
- We will create toolkit for investigations based on NWG best practice to maximise perpetrators being brought to justice
- Ensure effective offender management strategy
- Research will be undertaken to understand the motivation and behaviour of perpetrators and to identify common indicators of persons likely to commit CSE