

Recommendations from the Alexis Jay Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation – Annex A

RECOMMENDATION

Risk Assessment

R1. Senior Managers should ensure that there are up-to date risk assessments on all children affected by CSE. These should be of consistently high quality and clearly recorded on the child's file

R2. The numeric scoring tool should be kept under review. Professional judgements about risk should be clearly recorded where these are not adequately captured by the numeric tool.

Looked After Children

R3. Managers should develop a more strategic approach to protecting looked after children who are sexually exploited. This must include the use of out of area placements.

The Borough should work with other authorities to minimise the risks of sexual exploitation to all children, including those living in placements where they may become exposed to CSE.

The strategy should include improved arrangements for supporting children in out of area placements when they require leaving care services

Outreach and Accessibility

R4. The council should make every effort to make help reach out to victims of CSE who are not yet in touch with services. In particular, it should make every effort to restore open access and outreach work with children affected by CSE to the level previously provided by Risky Business

Joint CSE Team

R5. The remit and responsibilities of the joint CSE team should be urgently decided and communicated to all concerned in a way that leaves no room for doubt

R6. Agencies should commit to introducing a single manager for the multi-agency CSE team. This should be implemented as quickly as possible

R7. The council, together with the Police, should review the social care resources available to the CSE team, and make sure these are consistent with the need and demand for services

Collaboration within CYPS

R8. Wider children's social care, the CSE team and integrated youth support services should work better together to ensure that children affected by CSE are well supported and offered an appropriate range of preventative services

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Ongoing work with victims

R9. All services should recognise that once a child is affected by CSE, he or she is likely to require support and therapeutic intervention for an extended period of time.

Children should not be offered short term intervention only, and cases should not be closed prematurely

Post Abuse Support

R10. The Safeguarding Board, through the CSE sub-group, should work with local agencies, including health, to secure the delivery of post abuse support services

Quality Assurance

R11. All agencies should continue to resource and strengthen the quality assurance work currently underway under the auspices of the Safeguarding Board

Minority ethnic communities

R12. There should be more direct and more frequent engagement by the Council and also the Safeguarding Board with women and men from the minority ethnic communities on the issue of CSE and other forms of abuse.

R13. The Safeguarding Board should address the under-reporting of sexual exploitation and abuse in minority ethnic communities

The issue of race

R14. The issue of race should be tackled as an absolute priority if it is a significant factor in the criminal activity of organised child sexual abuse in the Borough

Serious Case Reviews

R15. We recommend to the Department of Education that the guiding principle on redactions in Serious Case Reviews must be that the welfare of any children involved is paramount