



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 - CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

1. Purpose/Objectives of the Review

- To ensure Northampton Borough Council (NBC) plays an active role in tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Key Lines of Enquiry

- To gain an understanding of the work currently being undertaken by partnerships, statutory and voluntary organisations, and the Police to address these issues
- To investigate how NBC contributes to the above work
- To raise awareness of CSE, human trafficking and domestic slavery of children in Northampton
- To explore best practice elsewhere in identifying and providing support to victims of CSE
- To understand what NBC is doing outside the Scrutiny process in relation to human trafficking and domestic slavery of children

2. Outcomes Required

- To make evidence based recommendations to improve the role that NBC has in tackling CSE
- To make recommendations, as appropriate, regarding partnership working in tackling CSE

3. Information Required

- Background data
- Background reports
- Best practice data
- Desktop research
- Evidence from expert internal witnesses
- Evidence from expert external witnesses
- Site visits (if applicable)

4. Format of Information

- Background data, including:
 - Presentation to set the scene: To identify the prevalence of the problem locally
 - Relevant national and local background research papers
 - Definitions – CSE, human trafficking and domestic slavery
 - Case Studies

- Best practice external to Northampton

- Internal expert advisors:
 - Leader of the Council, Northampton Borough Council (NBC)
 - Cabinet Member for Community Safety, NBC
 - Director of Customers and Communities, NBC and the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager, NBC
 - Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)
 - Service Manager, Anti-Social Behaviour Unit

- External expert advisors:
 - Head of Protecting Vulnerable Persons, Northamptonshire Police
 - Service Manager, RISE Team
 - Senior Manager, Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children's Board
 - Director, Education Services, NCC
 - Representative, Children's Rights' Group, Corporate Parenting Board
 - Chief Officer, Northamptonshire Victim Support
 - Cabinet Member for Adult Services, NCC
 - Cabinet Member for Children's Services, NCC
 - Chair, Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board
 - Service Manager, Barnardo's
 - Service Manager, Save the Children
 - Chief Officer, Service Six
 - Chief Officer, Lowdowne Centre
 - Manager, Free to Talk Group
 - Chief Officer, Rape and Crisis Centre
 - Chief Executive, Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH)
 - Chief Officer, Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

- Site visit to the RISE Team, Northampton, MAASH, and other areas of the country that have been recognised for its good work in CSE

5. Methods Used to Gather Information

- Minutes of meetings
- Desktop research
- Site visits
- Officer reports
- Presentations
- Examples of best practice
- Witness Evidence:-

➤ Key witnesses as detailed in section 4 of this scope

6. Co-Options to the Review

- Chair, Children, Learning & Communities Scrutiny Committee, Northamptonshire County Council, to be approached suggesting that they are co-opted to this Review for its life.

7 Community Impact Screening Assessment

- A Community Impact Screening Assessment to be undertaken on the scope of the Review

8 Evidence gathering Timetable

May 2016 – March 2017

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| • 12 May 2016 | - Scoping meeting |
| • 7 July | - Evidence gathering |
| • 8 September | - Evidence gathering |
| • 10 November | - Evidence gathering |
| • 5 January 2017 | - Evidence gathering |
| • 16 March | - Approval final report |

Various site visits will be programmed during this period, if required.

Meetings to commence at 6.00 pm

9. Responsible Officers

Lead Officers Phil Harris, Head of Housing and Wellbeing
Co-ordinator Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

10. Resources and Budgets

Phil Harris, Head of Housing and Wellbeing, to provide internal advice.

11. Final report presented by:

Completed by March 2017. Presented by the Chair of the Panel to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet.

12. Monitoring procedure:

Review the impact of the report after six months (approximately November/December 2017)