

NSCB RESPONSE TO NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL SCRUTINY

Core Questions on Child Sexual Exploitation

1	Please provide details of the work currently being undertaken by your organisation to address child sexual exploitation (CSE)	<p>The NSCB has a CSE Sub Group with members from across partnership agencies. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Missing Children is a Sub Group of the NSCB. The aim of the group is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness • Identify areas of concern within the county • Develop an effective response to tackle perpetrators of CSE • Ensure that there is support for victims of CSE and their families <p>The Sub Group sits on a monthly basis and has a progressive action plan that is reviewed at each meeting. The main priority areas over the next year include focus on the night time economy, work with schools and targeting harder to reach groups (LGBT, ethnic minority communities, young males and children with disabilities).</p> <p>Further examples of the work undertaken by the NSCB since 2015 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 'Tackling CSE Toolkit' was created to provide advice for all professionals on their responsibilities in relation to identifying CSE and what action should be taken if it is identified. The Toolkit and presentations from the Northants Tackling CSE Conference held on 22nd May 2015 can be viewed on the website: http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/police/toolkits-professionals/ • A high profile publicity campaign with the tagline "Say Something If You See Something" to highlight the signs of CSE, and encourage reporting was completed. • A multi-agency CSE and Missing performance data scorecard has been developed and is reviewed regularly by the group. • Protective Behaviours and CSE training programmes for schools have been developed and delivered to a number of schools in the county throughout the year.
2	Is there a clear and	In addition to the action plan, there is a CSE Strategy which

	robust multi-Agency strategy for information sharing, preventing and managing CSE?	is currently being updated and reviewed.
3	What other multi-Agency forums exist to facilitate joint working?	There is a CSE and Missing Forum which sits on a monthly basis, the purpose of which is to review the cases of young people in the County who are considered to be most at risk of CSE and going missing. The Forum is made up of representatives from various agencies including Police, Children's Services, YOS, Health and Education.
4	What is the extent and profile of CSE in Northampton? How do we know this?	A local Problem Profile for Northamptonshire has just been finalised and will be published shortly.
5	How effective has NBC, its partners and the Police, been in engaging with the local community and other organisations in raising awareness of CSE?	<p>As part of its focus on the night time economy, the NSCB Sub Group has recently requested position statements from all Districts and Boroughs in the County to establish what progress has been made in relation to tackling CSE across the County. Once the position statements have been received, the intention will be for the NSCB to support the Districts and Boroughs in completing focused and targeted work within their respective areas in order to tackle CSE. This work will include engaging with the local community and awareness raising.</p> <p>Representation for the District and Borough Councils is provided by Nicola Riley, Shared Interim Community Partnerships and Recreation Manager for Cherwell and South Northants Council.</p>
6	How can awareness be raised further of CSE, human trafficking and domestic slavery of children in Northampton?	<p>NCC has a Policy Officer who has been tasked with developing policies and procedures in relation to child trafficking which will be available through the NSCB once finalised.</p> <p>A Modern Slavery Sub Group sits bi-monthly and the Policy Officer will ensure safeguarding of children is included, where relevant, in any work going forwards.</p>

7	<p>How is CSE incorporated into local training programmes, and who is able to access this training?</p>	<p>Barnardo's are commissioned to deliver face to face training on CSE across the County on behalf of the NSCB.</p> <p>In addition, an e-learning course, Safeguarding Children and Young People from Abuse by Sexual Exploitation, is available via the Safeguarding e-learning Academy.</p> <p>Training is provided free to all members of the children's workforce in the County.</p> <p>The Reducing Incidents of Sexual Exploitation (RISE) unit is the dedicated multi agency team tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). It comprises staff from Safeguarding and Children's Services, Police, CAN (a third sector drug, alcohol and homeless service) and Health. It is co-located at Mereway, Northamptonshire Police Force Headquarters.</p> <p>The RISE team regularly delivers training on CSE throughout the County.</p>
8	<p>What support is available to current, potential and historic victims of CSE?</p>	<p>Once a case has been opened to RISE, the young person is appointed an engagement worker who provides one to one work with them for as long as it is needed.</p> <p>Young people can also be signposted to Serenity which is a sexual assault referral centre in Northampton and Voice who support victims of crime.</p>
9	<p>Do you have further information regarding the role of NBC in tackling CSE?</p>	<p>Chapter 6 of the NSCB CSE Toolkit 6 specifically covers the role of District & Borough Councils and the hospitality industry.</p> <p>The NSCB is seeking to achieve a consistent approach across all the District and Boroughs in relation to tackling CSE.</p> <p>As stated above, a programme of support and resources will be rolled out shortly to all Districts and Boroughs with an initial focus on the night time economy.</p> <p>The NSCB would be happy to provide direct support to NBC in progressing its work in relation to tackling CSE.</p>