

**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

**ACTION PLAN: SCRUTINY PANEL - Child Sexual Exploitation**

Recommendations from Scrutiny Panel (Child Sexual Exploitation) completed in April 2017

**Proposed dates for monitoring implementation of accepted recommendations**

<b>Report received by Cabinet</b>	<b>Response received by Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Monitoring activity</b>	<b>Monitoring complete</b>
June 2017	October 2018	June 2019	

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** Northampton Borough Council establishes its own CSE Officer Group (to direct and co-ordinate all of the action the Council takes to detect, prevent and reduce child sexual exploitation).

Action	Implementation/ responsibility by:	Resources required/available	Target date	Achievement/Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Establish a CSE Officer Group</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	To be achieved within existing resources.	October 2018	CSE Officer Group (comprising representatives from Private Sector Housing, Homelessness, Community Safety, Taxi Licensing, Neighbourhood Wardens, Environmental Protection, CCTV and Northampton Partnership Home) has been established.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Develop and implement a comprehensive action plan for tackling CSE in the borough</b></li> </ul>	CSE Officer Group	To be achieved within existing resources	September 2019 (Original target date was April 2019)	Although the Council's various services (housing, community safety, taxi licensing, NPH, etc) have continued to tackle CSE, pressure of work has delayed the production of the borough's action plan. This will now be completed in September 2019

**RECOMMENDATION 2:** Northampton Borough Council and Northampton Partnership Homes undertake a systematic review of all public spaces within their control to ensure that those spaces are made as safe as possible.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NBC and NPH to review and risk assess all public spaces within their control</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	To be achieved within existing resources	December 2019 (Original target date was April 2019)	This survey has been delayed due to other demands. Advice will be sought from the RISE Team to establish which NBC & NPH public spaces pose the most risk in order that these can be surveyed first. All public spaces will be reviewed and risk assessed by December 2019.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NBC and NPH to develop and implement an action plan to make them as safe as possible</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	To be achieved within existing resources	March 2020	An action plan for making the public spaces as safe as possible will be developed by March 2020.
<b>RECOMMENDATION 3:</b> Officers of Northampton Borough Council meet with the Service Manager of the RISE Team on a quarterly basis to plan a programme of joint operations in Northampton in order to detect, prevent and raise awareness of CSE.				
<b>Action</b>	<b>Implementation/ responsibility by</b>	<b>Resources required/available</b>	<b>Target date</b>	<b>Achievement/Completed</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Quarterly meetings take place between NBC Officers and the Service Manager of the RISE Team</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing  Community Safety & Engagement Manager  Environmental Health & Licensing Manager	To be achieved within existing resources	Ongoing	Although NBC Officers have continued to meet with the RISE Team (to plan joint operations and share information) as and when this is required, regular quarterly meetings have not been deemed necessary.  The situation is being reviewed, however, in the light of management changes within the RISE Team.

**RECOMMENDATION 4:** Officers of Northampton Borough Council work with Northamptonshire County Council's E-Safety Officer and the RISE Team to explore ways in which the Borough Council's website can be used to promote safe internet use by children and young people, and to publicise the services and information portals where young people can receive information and support.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NBC Officers to meet with NCC's E-Safety Officer and the RISE Team</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing NBC Web Developer	To be achieved within existing resources	July 2019	This workstream was deferred until NBC completed the development and implementation of its new website. Now this is complete, this piece of work can be progressed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Explore ways in which NBC's website can promote safe internet use, etc</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing NBC Web Developer	To be achieved within existing resources	October 2019	

**RECOMMENDATION 5:** Northampton Borough Council recommends to Northamptonshire County Council's Director of Children's Services that healthy relationships and sex education are included within the school curriculum.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recommendation that healthy relationships and sex education are included within school curriculum</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	To be achieved within existing resources	September 2018	Completed.

**RECOMMENDATION 6:** All Members of Northampton Borough Council are issued with a copy of the LGA toolkit, “Tackling CSE – A resource pack for Councillors” and the NSPCC’s “Solution Focused Practice Toolkit – Helping Professionals use the approach when dealing with children and young people”.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Copy of the LGA Toolkit and NSPCC Toolkit to be issues to all Members</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing  CSE Officer Group	To be achieved within existing resources	July 2019  (Original target date was November 2018)	Copies of these documents will be sent to all Members, as part of a comprehensive Safeguarding and CSE Information Pack that is due to be despatched in July 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION 7:** All Members of Northampton Borough Council should take positive steps (as Ward Councillors and School Governors) to persuade the all the borough’s secondary and academies to show the short video, “*Kayleigh’s Love Story*” to their students.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>All Members should be provided with details of the video and encouraged secondary schools and academies to show it to their students</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing  CSE Officer Group	To be achieved within existing resources	July 2019  (Original target date was November 2018)	Details of the film will be sent to all Members, as part of a comprehensive Safeguarding and CSE Information Pack that is due to be despatched in July 2019

**RECOMMENDATION 8:** All Officers and Members of Northampton Borough Council receive training on how to recognise the signs of CSE and how they should report it.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Training and refresher training will be provided for all Officers and Members</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	To be achieved within existing resources	Ongoing	Online and face-to-face CSE training is being developed as part of a wider programme of safeguarding training that will support the implementation of the Council's Safeguarding Policy for Children and Vulnerable Adults.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:** The Chief Executive of Northampton Partnership Homes is asked to ensure that all of its Officers and relevant Board Members receive training on how to recognise the signs of CSE and how they should report it.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NPH to confirm that all of its Officers and relevant Board Members receive training on how to recognise the signs of CSE and how they should report it</b></li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	To be achieved within existing resources	October 2018	Completed. NPH has confirmed that all of its Officers receive training on safeguarding, which includes recognising the signs of CSE and how they should report it. Board Members have not received any CSE training.

**RECOMMENDATION 10:** Relevant Officers and Members of Northampton Borough Council undertake online training for practitioners on national best practice.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine the most appropriate way for Officers and Members to access, and learn from, national best practice</li> <li>• Identify the relevant Officers and Members</li> <li>• Organise the online training</li> </ul>	CSE Officer Group	To be achieved within existing resources	March 2020	This work has not commenced yet.

**RECOMMENDATION 11:** Northampton Borough Council actively encourages and hosts a series of briefings and training sessions for community groups in the borough (including community centres and youth groups), in order to raise awareness of how to recognise the signs of CSE and how to report it.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult with the local community centres and youth groups</li> <li>• Arrange briefings and training if there is a demand</li> </ul>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing  Community Safety and Engagement Manager	To be achieved within existing resources	March 2020	This workstream has not commenced yet. It will be included in the CSE action plan