

CSE & Vulnerable Children Strategic Group

Terms of Reference April 2015

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Background This group has been established to monitor and challenge the work across the City in respect of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and other groups of vulnerable children Missing (Home, Education & Care); children involved in or at risk of Harmful Practices (including Female Genital Mutilation, Forced Marriage and Honour Based Abuse), Modern Slavery (including trafficked children, domestic servitude, and labour exploitation), Radicalisation (both in terms of general religious, political or ideological extremism and those at risk of being drawn into terrorist activity as described by the PREVENT agenda) & Private Fostering, and any other risk groups. The group will provide regular updates to the LSCB.

Purpose

To support the LSCB in fulfilling its statutory duty to monitor and challenge the effectiveness of the strategic activity undertaken by the partnership to safeguard and promote the welfare of the particularly vulnerable children and young people listed above

To ensure there is an effective multi-agency **strategic** response to the identification and safeguarding of vulnerable children and young people.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Provide challenge to the work (victims and perpetrators), across the partnership the above listed. The Subcommittee may also monitor and challenge any other activity pertaining to particularly vulnerable children not specifically listed above including liaison across partnership groups who monitor these areas of work.
- Drive the work of the LSCB Business Plan relevant to Child Sexual Exploitation
- Ensure that the LSCB, via this Subcommittee, receives quarterly updates on strategic responses to particularly vulnerable children and young people, informed by other relevant strategic groups (themes and issues) including;
 - Children & Young People Radicalisation Group
 - VAWG Harmful Practice Operational Group
 - Modern Slavery Strategic Group
 - Missing Children (Home, Education, Care)
 - Private Fostering Annual Report
 - Protect and Pursue Subcommittee
 - Prevent & Early Identification Subcommittee
 - SARC Strategy Board
- This Subcommittee may commission the Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Subcommittee to undertake data or statistical analysis or multi-agency audit activity

for further audit and scrutiny purposes. Any strategic recommendations arising from quality assurance activity undertaken by the Monitoring & Evaluation Subcommittee will be reported back to this Subcommittee.

- This Subcommittee may commission the Learning & Development Subcommittee to consider commissioning specialist LSCB multi-agency training in regards to the above listed vulnerable children.
- Identify gaps in commissioning arrangements that require funding of specific projects and make recommendations to the LSCB accordingly. This will provide challenge to the commissioning arrangements, across the partnership with regards to the above listed vulnerable children
- In respect of CSE, ensure the LSCB is compliant with the Working Together guidance on CSE (DCSF, 2009), and any other relevant legislation, research and statutory guidance and recommendations from these and national Serious Case Reviews. To learn from this and adopt best practice accordingly.
- In respect of other vulnerable groups, to ensure the LSCB is reflective and responsive to national guidance including [group to send MB list and appendix]

Private Fostering

- [Part 9, Schedule 8 Children Act 1989](#) with amendments to section 67 and Schedule 8 of the Act made under section 44 of the Children Act 2004
- [The Children \(Private Arrangements for Fostering\) Regulations 2005](#)
- [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#) (2010) , (2013) (2015)
- [Family and Friends Care: Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities, 2011](#)

Modern Slavery & Unaccompanied Children

- [Review of the National Referral Mechanism for victims of human trafficking](#) (This will change when the Modern Slavery Act comes into force)
- [Care of unaccompanied and trafficked children](#)

Harmful Practice

- to be added

Radicalisation

- to be added

Membership (as at April 2015)

Members should be able to make informed contributions to the work of the group. The group will comprise of representatives from a range of key stakeholders and expertise from different interest groups.

Core Membership

Director of Public Protection, National Probation Service	Chair , Andrea Saunders
Sussex Police representative, (PVP and/or Missing Persons Lead)	Carwyn Hughes / Representative
Chairperson, Prevention/ Early Identification Group. Designated Doctor Brighton & Hove CCG / Sussex Community NHS Trust	Jamie Carter / Delegate
YOS / Ru-ok?	Anna Gianfrancesco
Education	Ellen Mullverhill / Delegate
Survivors Network	Wendy Snell
BHCC Head of Safeguarding	Deb Austin
LSCB Business Manager	Mia Brown
Strategic Commissioner, Domestic and Sexual Violence and Violence against Women and Girls	James Rowlands
Head of Service – Support Through Care	Andy Whippy
Terrance Higgins Trust	Ross Boseley
Director of Care & Support Services, Sussex Central YMCA	Rachel Brett
LGBT Lead Community Safety	Eric Page
Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals representative	Debi Fillery
CASH & Sussex Community Trust	Yvette Queffurus
NHS England & Pediatric SARC	Victoria Nystrom-Marshall
Head of Safeguarding – Adults Services	Michelle Jenkins
Lead Commissioner for Alcohol & Substance Misuse, Public Health	Kathy Caley

If Core Members are unable to attend a meeting then a suitable representative should attend in their place.

Invitees

Commissioner – Community Safety	Linda Beanlands
Quality Assurance & Advocacy Manager	Tina James (Private Fostering Monitor)
Community Safety Manager: Cohesion (Strategic Lead: Hate Incidents and Prevent)	Nahida Shaikh (Strategic Lead: Hate Incidents and Prevent)
Community Safety Manager	Lucy Bryson (Community Safety Manager – Refugees and Migrants)
Disability Services	Carl Campbell (Disability Social Work)

Chairperson

In line with Working Together 2013, the chairperson of the group will be a member or advisor of the LSCB and will take responsibility for reporting the work of the sub group to the Board and the LSCB Leadership Group (attended by the LSCB Independent Chairperson and all Sub Committee Chairpersons).

Frequency of Meetings

The CSE & VCSG will meet quarterly

Quoracy

The minimum requirement for the Subcommittee to be quorate is for at least one representative from Children's Services, Health, Police and Community Safety.

Accountability

The group is accountable to the LSCB and will report progress on a regular basis to the LSCB. Although no delegated powers the group can put forward proposals and recommendations to the LSCB. It will also provide relevant information, as appropriate to the LSCB and other local strategic Boards as necessary and provide input into the LSCB Annual Report.

Review:

The terms of reference will be reviewed annually. Any changes must be agreed by the Board.