

Learning Together to Safeguard the City

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Sussex Children's SARC

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Sussex Children's SARC

Brighton
Under 14 yrs
9am-5pm daily

Definition

- Forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, including prostitution, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. The activities may include penetrative (rape, buggery, oral sex) or non-penetrative.

also

- This may include non-contact activities, such as involving children in looking at or in the production of sexual online images, watching sexual activities, or encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways.

Children Commissioner

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www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

- 1 in 20 children are sexually abused
- 1 in 8 are known to the police and SS
- 2/3 are within the family
- Multiple reasons not to tell
 - Fear, blame, guilt, no opportunity

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- Signs of CSA
 - Upset, confused, poor emotional / physical health, behavioural changes
- Recommendations
 - Give them someone to talk to
 - Know the signs
 - Stop the abuse, be kind

Is this CSA?

1. 6 yr old girl says that her grandfather touched her “mini”
2. 14 yr old girl in a sexual relationship with a 24 yr old man.
3. 5 yr old boy at school draws erect penis
4. Schoolgirl who is given multiple presents from a friend (new mobile phone)

5. 10yr old boy addicted to porn and anal stimulation
6. 12 yr old girl who is in a consensual sexual relationship with a 15 yr old boy
7. Young girl who undergoes circumcision (FGM)
8. Father watching a pornographic movie with his children in room
9. Teenagers sending explicit photos of themselves on mobile phone

Your responsibility

- Balancing the needs and rights of parents against those of their children may become an on-going challenge

Carter & Bannon, 2003

- **The Paramount Principle:** ‘The interests of the child override those of the parents or carers’

Children Act 1989

Process of responding to CSA

- Referral received by Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). MASH consists of Children's Services, Police, Health and Education.
- MASH 'screen' referrals – process of gathering information from parents/agencies.
- Urgent response referrals directed to Pods to plan way forward.
- If Social Worker allocated to child/family referral passed directly to that worker to take forward.

Strategy Discussion/Meeting

- Discussion or Meeting that takes place between Police and Children's Services as minimum however usually includes other professionals.
- Health involved (SARC only)
- Purpose is to plan the investigation.
- More than one can take place during an investigation.

CSARC involvement in Strategy discussion

- To answer
 - Actions to make the child safe
 - Is this CSA
 - Is an urgent medical needed
 - Would a medical provide forensic info
 - Safeguarding concerns – risk to other children/siblings
 - What needs to happen now

Forensic or not ?

- All potentially forensic
- Now - Early Evidence Kit (police)
- DNA – underwear, sheets, clothing
- Do not wash child
- Book medical and ABE interview

Case Studies

- Working in groups read case study.
- Imagine you have received this referral – what do you think should happen next?
- Plan the way forward.

Q&A and ABE

- Police/SW complete Q&A with child where necessary.
- If clear disclosure to professional; child considered able and consent obtained then proceed to ABE without Q&A.
- Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) interview conducted by Police and SW.
- ABE – video interview – becomes victim/witnesses evidence in chief.

Planning & Preparing Exercise

- Work in groups.
- What do you think you need to consider when planning a medical?
- Think about what you need to do to prepare the child/family.

Planning the medical

- Is there DNA & SOCO needed
- Who will be there - SW +/- police
- Consent
- Support for child
- Book with SARC administrator

Preparing family / child

- Preparing and explaining to family
- Why it is necessary – injuries
- Who will be there
- Who is going to support child
- What is likely to happen / not happen
- Friendly and child led

SARC room



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SARC team



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What next? – Group Exercise

- Working in your groups spend some time considering what might need to happen now the medical has been completed.

Outcome of medical

- Unless you look you don't know
- Reassurance to child / family
- STI
- Pregnancy
- Referral to counseling
- Child ISVA

Questions?



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Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

Thank you for attending this **Learning Together to Safeguard the City** event. We hope that you found it informative and that you will be able use what you have learnt to in your practice to improve outcomes for people in Brighton & Hove and help keep them safe.

Please let us know what you thought about this session by completing our quick survey at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/LearningTogether2015

or completing one of our postcards before you leave



Your feedback will help us plan future Learning Events and will be considered in the **Learning Together to Safeguard the City** fortnight Final Event



What can the **Safeguarding** Boards teach one another?

10 December 2015, 2pm – 4pm, The Great Hall, Moulsecoomb

Join us for our finale event which will pull together the themes the **Learning Together to Safeguard the City** activities. It will be an opportunity to reflect on the subjects, issues/ barriers and areas of good practice that have been identified during the fortnight's eclectic events.

This is an opportunity for managers, frontline practitioners and professionals with an interest in developing and enhancing safeguarding to come together with senior managers and strategic leads.

The event will be hosted by Graham Bartlett, the Chairperson of the **Local Safeguarding Children Board** and **Safeguarding Adults Board**, and will consider the ways in which the two boards can learn from, and influence, each other to help make Brighton & Hove a safer city to live in and be part of.

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