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## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND SAFEGUARDING MEMBER PANEL

**Friday 2 September 2016**

Present: Cllrs Hill (Chair), Allison, Holmes, Marchington and Bellamy (observer)

In attendance: Sarah Callaghan, Director for Children and Young People  
Lee Thompson, Head of Safeguarding and Social Work  
Gill Ellis, Assistant Director for Learning and Skills  
Carol Gilchrist, Head of Safe and Cohesive Communities  
Helen Kilroy, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

Apologies: Cllr Ahmed and Carly Speechley

#### **1 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Panel considered the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 July 2016.

**AGREED:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

#### **2 No Child Out of Sight**

The Panel considered a report on keeping children safe, ensuring that they are in safe places and being looked after and taught by safe individuals. The Panel welcomed Gill Ellis (Assistant Director for Learning and Skills) and Carol Gilchrist (Head of Safe and Cohesive Communities) to the meeting.

The Panel considered Appendix 5 within the report which contained restricted Police data and noted that the information could not be shared. Officers agreed to produce a summary paper that Members could use to brief their Groups, that pulled out the key issues and included some of the sensitive data.

Councillor Hill confirmed that the CSE Panel had been set up as a body of cross party Members meeting in private, where confidential data could be shared in confidence.

Gill Ellis advised that the report set out the proposals to look at all areas of business for No Child Out of Sight and set out a number of key objectives, bringing together data from both the Police and Kirklees.

The Panel were informed that the Council's data was not as good as it could be and this was one of the key areas of work to be further developed. Carol Gilchrist further explained that Heads of Service in Children's Services were responsible for data sets and were commissioning a new process to look at all data in relation to what we know about missing children, e.g. missing from education. Gill Ellis advised that the Council needed integrated data that gave the right intelligence.

The Panel was informed that Liquidlogic was the new software that showed trends and was a more intelligence led data system.

Carol Gilchrist advised the Panel that the report had been written in the context of the information currently available and that a second profile report was being prepared, which would be produced and available early October from the Police. Carol Gilchrist further explained that the second profile report would confirm if there had been any significant changes since May 2016, when the first profile report had been produced. The Panel was informed that the profile reports would be produced on a quarterly basis.

Carol Gilchrist informed the Panel that only 25% of Independent Return Interviews (IRI) were currently being conducted, and that making improvements in this area was a significant future priority. The Panel were informed that the purpose of the interviews was to talk to the child regarding the reasons why they went missing, so the right interventions could be put into place to stop it happening again, as outlined within the report. Carol Gilchrist advised that another key issue was that a high percentage of children go missing repeatedly.

Gill Ellis advised the Panel that the Council needed to get the balance right on reporting missing episodes. The Panel noted that if a child went missing from a children's home for less than a 1 hour, current reporting mechanisms required that this was reported straight away. A more common sense approach was needed where children were known to go out regularly for short periods, for example, to the local shop or in search of wifi. The Panel was informed that officers were currently testing the data and needed to develop the right skills within professionals that would enable them to have the right conversations and take the most appropriate approach.

The Panel agreed that the Council should always attempt to undertake 100% of Independent Return Interviews wherever possible, but recognised that there would be some barriers on the success, for example, if children were not actively engaged and did not want to attend. The Panel was informed that the Independent Return Interviews should take place within the first 72 hours, however, in some cases the information did not arrive within appropriate timescales from the Police, to allow the IRI's to take place within the timeframe.

Sarah Callaghan made reference to the national MASH Working Group which had been set up to support better practices and sharing information which was critical and the group would be looking at the barriers of effectively working together. The Panel agreed to talk to Osman Khan of West Yorkshire Police at the next meeting of the Panel regarding information sharing, particularly with regard to Independent Return Interviews. The Panel also agreed to consider some case studies from the West Yorkshire Police at their next meeting in October, which gave examples of where practice had not worked that well in the past, as this would help with the Panel's discussion.

Councillor Marchington advised that a presentation had recently been given by Steve Cotter of West Yorkshire Police to the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel for Children's Services, which had talked about interaction between Police officers and social care staff.

Councillor Hill advised the Panel that co-location and redesign of MASH would help to coordinate missing children and Police were located in the MASH Team to facilitate this. Lee Thompson advised the Panel that MASH had daily operational

meetings at 4pm to look at risk and timely responses, which would help with information sharing and response times.

Gill Ellis informed the Panel that a Task and Finish Group was currently operating within the Council, looking at information sharing and advised that the Police had been proactive on the work of the No Child Out of Sight report and how information was shared. Carol Gilchrist advised that Looked After Children were more likely to go missing and have repeat episodes.

The Panel was informed that the age that children go missing tended to increase from the age of 13, with a significant cluster between 14 and 16, peaking at 15. Carol Gilchrist further explained that overall girls go missing more frequently than boys (64% vs 36%), however, up to the age of 13 boys go missing more than girls before this reverses. Carol Gilchrist further explained that the numbers of children going missing varied at different Children's Homes and the Council was working with social care and the Police to talk to those Children's Homes at greater risk and this information would come through in the next profile update. The Panel was informed that as more information became available, officers would be able to interrogate the data in greater detail, for example making sure that all Children's Homes have free wifi, so that children do not go missing to access such facilities elsewhere.

Councillor Holmes suggested that the Council could check the areas surrounding each Children's Home as this information may clarify where local attractions were located for children that were within walking distance. Gill Ellis advised that Independent Return Interviews were useful as they helped to identify why children go missing.

Councillor Holmes suggested that Independent Return Interviews could be made more 'attractive' to children to encourage them to come forward and talk about their experiences. Councillor Hill advised that disclosure from children could sometimes take longer than 72 hours due to their personal circumstances. The Panel was informed that missing episodes could also be related to relationships within the Children's Homes, or that children were not getting on with the people they were living with or who looked after them. Officers needed to further explore what professionals within the Children's Homes were doing in working with young people who regularly go missing. The Panel was advised that current data gave a good insight into location and time of day from missing episodes, which would help to undertake further prevention work to reduce numbers.

Gill Ellis advised the Panel that the Learning and Skills Service interrogated the data regarding children missing from education each half term and no case was closed without a successful conclusion. Independent schools were offered access to the Learning Service attendance module, to support them in ensuring children were in school. The Panel noted, however, that some schools within the Borough had yet to make a decision on whether to buy into the Council's services. Gill Ellis further explained that some Academies used different software systems to record data, but the Council was hoping all schools would sign up to use the Council's IT system, Liquidlogic, in order to ensure consistency and efficient information sharing.

Carol Gilchrist advised that safe and cohesive communities work was ongoing with Mosques and Madrasas to ensure that best practice policies and procedures were in place relating to governance, safeguarding and health and safety. The Panel

was informed that where those institutions did not readily engage, a process was in place for active engagement.

The Panel discussed the safeguarding of home schooled pupils and alternative educational provision and noted that a report on this issue would be presented to the Panel in November 2016.

Sarah Callaghan advised that the Council was working together with other agencies to safeguard children and had a statutory responsibility to protect all children wherever they were; this was one of the key drivers to progress the work on No Child Out of Sight. Gill Ellis further explained that the Council had home educated children and Mosques and Madrasas' very much in view. The Panel was informed that the Keeping Children Safe (KCS) Team visited all of our independent schools and offered guidance regarding the management of attendance and safeguarding. The KCS Team worked closely with other teams within the Council to ensure that any knowledge was shared and concerns were followed up. Carol Gilchrist further explained that if the KCS Team identified any child that was not known to them but who was in an illegal school, this would be dealt with promptly through OFSTED.

Carol Gilchrist advised the Panel that the No Child Out of Sight report identified urgent, short/medium and long term actions. Gill Ellis further explained that the Task and Finish Group currently operating within the Council would deal with the urgent actions identified within this report, involving staff across the Council and the Police to address the issues.

Sarah Callaghan advised the Panel that data needed to be further interrogated to improve the Independent Return Interviews suggested and that this should be a focus for the Regional Group.

The Panel agreed to receive a quarterly update on the No Child Out of Sight profile report, giving information regarding analysis of data. The Panel was informed that the next update on the No Child Out of Sight profile would be presented to the Panel early in 2017. The Panel agreed that they needed to focus on how aspects of children going missing directly related to CSE.

The Panel discussed children who were 'off the radar' if the Local Authorities were not aware of their problems, some of which were due to the barriers with information databases which meant that information was not shared effectively.

**AGREED:-**

(1) That Gill Ellis and Carol Gilchrist be thanked for attending the meeting and that the update on No Child Out of Sight be noted.

(2) That the Panel discuss information sharing and case studies of working practices with Osman Khan at the October meeting, particularly with regard to Independent Return Interviews.

(3) That the Panel receive quarterly updates on the No Child Out of Sight analysis of data, particularly in relation to CSE and that the next update be considered early in 2017.

### CSE Overview

The Panel considered an update giving a CSE Overview and welcomed Lee Thompson (Head of Safeguarding and Social Work) to the meeting.

Lee Thompson advised the Panel that following the update from Carly Speechley to the July meeting, that children's social care was on an important journey and preparing for the OFSTED inspection due shortly. Lee Thompson further explained that in response to the National Strategy to address the issues of CSE in Kirklees, Children's Services had developed the Integrated CSE Hub in November 2015. The Hub was based within Dewsbury Police Station and consisted of a Social Care Team Manager, 2 Deputy Managers, 4 Social Works, 3 Police Officers, 1 full time and 1 part time voluntary sector worker from Barnardo's and 1 Business Support worker; in addition to this 4 Targeted Youth Support workers recently joined the Hub, 3 of whom completed direct work with families around identification of CSE and Parenting work. A new Detective Sergeant had joined the Team at the end of May 2016.

Lee Thompson advised the Panel that the CSE Hub would ensure the responses to referrals from MASH were activated appropriately and had regular Multi-Agency meetings on response rates within 24 hours assuring these were timely. Lee Thompson further explained that if a child made a disclosure the CSE Team would instigate a Section 47.

The Panel was informed that a new Risk Assessment Tool was currently awaiting sign off and would hopefully be introduced in the next few weeks. The Risk Assessment Tool would support referral to MASH, identify the risk quickly and ensure an appropriate response was activated.

Lee Thompson advised the Panel that the Council currently had 82 people at risk of some level of CSE and the Council was currently dealing with 17 cases. The social worker would remain involved in the case, but a worker from the CSE Team would work with the child as their Key Worker.

Lee Thompson gave an update on key issues relating to CSE within Kirklees, as follows:

- Direct therapeutic work was ongoing with young people with a clearer focus on CSE risks;
- Greater management oversight of assessments and planning;
- Criteria for the CSE Hub – moving in a direction where all direct work with children and young people by the CSE Team jointly and in collaboration with social workers and multi-agencies; future planning will determine that the CSE Team would provide support to young people who were transitioning into adulthood (age 0-25);
- The recently formed Leadership Team across Children's Social Care has a strong focus on CSE and on ensuring the Local Strategic Plan was implemented by a workforce with the skills, knowledge, infrastructure and specialist tools to address one of society's biggest challenges; a further Peer Review was being considered;
- On-going audit activity will review the quality of work going forward as dictated by the Kirklees Quality Assurance Framework;

- Developments within the CSE Team included the appointment of a CSE Team Manager who had established daily meetings, intelligence sharing and active action in response to concerns;
- The CSE Team had supported Operation Tendersea which had impacted on a number of potential female victims (43 arrests of alleged perpetrators of historical victims of CSE);
- Identification of a training programme for staff within Kirklees and recognition of the need to deliver training programmes to partner agencies – a plan for the implementation of this remains in view;
- Appropriate safeguarding procedures where the individuals identified in Operation Tendersea were in close contact with children; social care have been able to identify risks associated with the perpetrators identified and their contact with children and regular joint meetings with the Police are taking place;
- West Yorkshire Police have identified legacy cases of individuals who are now adults; a plan has been agreed in approaching the victim and offering appropriate support and intervention which included all multi-agencies and services;
- Work was on-going within the CSE Team and a West Yorkshire Police Detective in leading on the Mapping Matrix/Problem Profile which would help identify children, perpetrators and hotspots and build upon local intelligence;
- CSE E-Learning has been undertaken by key frontline officers within adult social care;
- Chelsea's Choice was a theatre company that was touring the country and would be in Kirklees on the 18 and 20 October 2016 – the performance was a drama acted out by professional actors that demonstrated the dangers of CSE and children from the age of 9 upwards were being invited to watch the performance; previous feedback received had indicated a lot of recognition from young people that watching the performance helped them to recognise the risks of CSE; the Chelsea's Choice theatre productions were being rolled out to children and professionals and parents had been invited to come and watch – consent was sought from parents to allow their children to watch the performance and Lee Thompson confirmed that it would be age appropriate;
- A CSE based DVD was currently being developed which looked at CSE and the links to human trafficking;
- Terms of Reference and scoping have been determined for a Multi-Agency Child Sexual Exploitation Group (MACSE) and the first meeting was scheduled for mid-September, which would help with CSE Mapping;
- The Multi-Agency CSE Group had been instigated on the back of the CSE Strategy/Action Plan at operational level and would monitor actions, address challenges, update on progress and be a mechanism for holding to account individuals across agencies;
- A tasking meeting to undertake monthly analysis of CSE activity would assist with local profiling and Police were hoping to employ a full time Analyst to map against national trends;

Councillor Hill advised that prosecution of offenders of CSE was a priority for the Police and that they had experienced issues with the CPS not co-operating or responding within appropriate timescales. Councillor Hill advised that she had recently met with Osman Khan to discuss this matter.

The Panel acknowledged that the implementation of the CSE Team had been positive in being able to offer intervention and therapeutic responses to children at risk of CSE.

**AGREED:-**

(1) That the CSE overview of the current key issues within Kirklees be noted.

**4 Update on Key National and Local Issues**

The Panel considered an update on the Key National and Local Issues.

Sarah Callaghan advised the Panel that the L Goddard Inquiry had been set up to investigate whether public bodies and other non-state institutions had taken seriously their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse in England and Wales. The Inquiry will now be led by Professor Alexis Jay, as Lowell Goddard has resigned.

Sarah Callaghan further explained that the first phase of the Inquiry consisted of 12 separate investigations, and Rochdale was the focus of at least one of the initial investigations. The Panel was advised that Rochdale's report on the Goddard Inquiry was complete and in the public domain. The Panel agreed to receive a copy of Rochdale's final report and discuss at a future meeting.

Sarah Callaghan advised the Panel that consultation by the Government was being carried out on reporting and acting on child abuse and neglect. The Panel were informed that the consultation had commenced in July 2016 and was due to be completed by 13 October 2016. The Panel agreed to receive a copy of the consultation document and consider at a future meeting. Sarah Callaghan further explained that Kirklees understanding of neglect was that it was the biggest issue that contributed to children at risk and Kirklees was looking at tools to help understand neglect. The Panel was advised that a Neglect Sub Group to the Kirklees Children's Safeguarding Board had been set up and that they would consider the risk assessment tool. Sarah Callaghan agreed to report back to the Panel on the issues of neglect reporting.

Sarah Callaghan advised the Panel that the OFSTED inspection of Children's Services was expected to take place on either 12 September, 26 September, 24 October or 14 November and that the Council was able to pre-empt some of the potential key lines of enquiry. Sarah Callaghan agreed to feedback to the Panel on the trends which had emerged from the inspection once it had taken place.

Councillor Hill reminded the Panel Members of the PACE event due to take place on the 18 October 2016 entitled 'Parents Speak Out: Crucial Partners in Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation'. The Panel was informed that all presenters would be parents who had experienced the direct impact of the sexual exploitation of their child. Arrangements for attendance by the Panel Members were being made by the Panel's supporting Governance officer.

**AGREED:-**

(1) That the update on National and Local issues be noted.

(2) That the Panel receive and consider at a future meeting the report by Rochdale Council on the L Goddard Inquiry – date to be determined.

(3) That the Panel receive and consider at a future meeting the Government consultation document on reporting of child abuse and neglect – date to be determined.

(4) That the Panel receive further updates on reporting of neglect – dates to be determined.

## **5 CSE Management Information**

The Panel considered the CSE Management Information covering the period January 2016 to March 2016.

Sarah Callaghan advised that a number of key lines of enquiry had come out of the interrogation of the data, for example, the data showed 13% of repeat referrals and questions were being asked as to why this had happened and why the right support had not been put in place.

The Panel agreed that it would be useful to have numbers as well as percentages in the CSE Management Information to facilitate comparison.

Sarah Callaghan advised that the Management Information had significantly improved and required further refinement, however, did identify key questions for further investigation and interrogation. The Panel was informed that a number of thematic inspections by OFSTED had identified real national problems with under representation of boys and as a result these numbers were beginning to increase following the introduction of improved training for professionals.

Sarah Callaghan advised that the prevalence across Kirklees referrals did not necessarily represent CSE risk classification in all areas of Kirklees and that this information was being further cross referenced to identify CSE hotspots and risk factors within those communities.

The Panel noted that 17% of ethnicities were missing or invalid and 16% of ethnicities had not yet been obtained and that this information needed to be better understood. The Panel was informed that ethnicity was not a mandatory field on the current referral form, but that the introduction of Liquidlogic software would ensure that this information was entered in the future.

### **AGREED:-**

(1) That the update on CSE Management Information be noted.

(2) That future Management Information include numbers as well as percentages to enable comparison.

## **6 CSE and Safeguarding Member Panel Agenda Plan for 2016/17**

The Panel considered the CSE and Safeguarding Member Panel work programme for 2016/17 and agreed agenda items for future meetings.

### **AGREED:-**

(1) That the agenda plan for the CSE and Safeguarding Member Panel for 2016/17 be noted and updated as agreed.



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## **Date of Next Meeting**

### **AGREED:-**

That the date of the next meeting of the CSE and Safeguarding Member Panel be held on Friday 7 October 2016 at 10.30am to 12.30pm in Meeting Room 1, Huddersfield Town Hall.

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### CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND SAFEGUARDING MEMBER PANEL

**Friday 7 October 2016**

Present: Cllrs Hill (Chair), Allison, Holmes, Marchington, Bellamy (observer)

In attendance: Carly Speechley, Interim Assistant Director (Family Support & Child Protection)  
Sarah Perry, Family Support and Child Protection  
Osman Khan, Superintendent (West Yorkshire Police)  
Ian Mottershaw, Detective Inspector (West Yorkshire Police)  
Michael Brown, West Yorkshire Police  
Benn Kemp, West Yorkshire Police  
Helen Kilroy, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

Apologies: Cllr Ahmed and Sarah Callaghan

#### **1 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Panel considered the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 September 2016.

**AGREED:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

#### **2 Update Report on Historic CSE Cases**

The Panel considered an update on historic CSE cases including progress on investigations and cybercrime. The Panel welcomed Osman Khan, Ian Mottershaw, Ben Kemp and Michael Brown from the West Yorkshire Police and Sarah Perry from Family Support and Child Protection.

Osman Khan outlined the CSE definition used to categorise and determine crimes with CSE links.

Osman Khan advised the Panel that since January 2016 Kirklees had recorded and were investigating 98 crimes that could be attributed to CSE. The crimes were identified using the definition and also where a person involved in the crime (victim or perpetrator) has previously been identified as being involved in or at risk of CSE. Osman Khan outlined key data, as follows:-

- Currently 71 children identified in Kirklees as being at risk of CSE
- The risk to each child is categorised as high, medium or low
- 8 children were regarded as high, of those children 6 were Looked After Children accommodated by Local Authorities (4 by Kirklees and 2 from other Local Authorities)

- 27 children were regarded as medium, of those children 12 were Looked After Children accommodated by Local Authorities (8 by Kirklees and 4 from other Local Authorities)
- 36 children were regarded as low, of those children 11 were Looked After Children accommodated by Local Authorities (8 by Kirklees and 3 from other Local Authorities)
- There were 6 young people who have been placed out of area, who were at risk of CSE (although that number can change at short notice)

Sarah Perry advised the Panel that previously other health professionals would assess the CSE risks, however, they would now do a referral which was sent to the CSE Team who would assess the risk within 24 hours.

In response to a question from Councillor Holmes regarding how often high risk cases were reviewed, Sarah Perry advised that cases were reviewed as follows:-

- High risk – every 4 weeks
- Looked After Children – regularly reviewed with a minimum of 4 weekly
- Medium risk – 4 to 6 weeks
- Low risk – a portion of low risk CSE cases are reviewed each week which meant all were regularly reviewed.

Sarah Perry further explained that cases of concern would be reviewed at a daily meeting and discussed as and when required.

Osman Khan advised the Panel that if a missing person was also a child at risk of CSE, their case would be reviewed as a matter of course.

Michael Brown advised the Panel that when a child goes missing who was assessed as high risk of CSE, even if the circumstances dictated limited risk, a serious case review would be opened indicating immediate risk and appropriate actions put into place. Michael Brown further explained that the Police had their own Manager who managed all ongoing Police issues and would visit a child following any missing episodes to find out as much information as possible to build a bigger picture of the case. The Panel was advised that high, medium and low CSE risk cases were automatically flagged on Police systems.

Sarah Perry agreed to circulate the CSE risk indicators on the Continuum of Need document to Members of the Panel to assist with their understanding of CSE.

Osman Khan advised the Panel that in relation to children at risk of CSE who regularly go missing, appropriate levels of intervention would be put into place and they would be moved out of the area away from the immediate risk.

Osman Khan provided a confidential report to the Panel covering 3 areas in relation to the investigation of CSE in Kirklees, which were:-

- The current situation in relation to the investigation of historic allegations of CSE which are referred to as legacy cases;
- The situation in Kirklees in relation to current live investigations and work load;
- A summary of investigations over the last year.

The Panel noted that the confidential information provided was restricted Police data and would not be shared beyond the Panel.

Ian Mottershaw advised the Panel that with regard to historic cases of CSE victims often either reluctant to share information or they do not see themselves as a victim so they do not want to be classed as one.

The Panel was advised in cases where prosecutions were unsuccessful and the Police still suspected an individual of committing a crime, the Police will undertake activities to investigate and target that suspect. Ian Mottershaw advised that a child at risk could be protected by being moved out of the area, thus reducing the risk to the child from a particular suspect or perpetrator.

The Panel was advised that once contact had been made with potential victims of historic CSE, the door was then 'ajar' if the individual's circumstances changed and if they wanted to come forward they would know who to contact.

In response to a question from Councillor Marchington regarding what action would be taken where there might not be sufficient evidence to prosecute a perpetrator who could still pose a risk, Ian Mottershaw advised that in such circumstances a Sex Offence Order (SOR) could be explored. The Panel was advised that the purpose of a SOR was to protect the public where necessary from serious sexual harm from a defendant and put measures in place that restrict the individual's lifestyle in respect of future contact with young people. Michael Brown advised the Panel that the West Yorkshire Police had been highlighted as an area of good practice in this area.

Michael Brown informed the Panel that anyone prosecuted for a CSE related crime would be registered as a sex offender. The Police would work in conjunction with a number of partners, particularly probation officers under the MAPPA process to manage registered sex offenders, violent and other types of sexual offenders, and offenders who pose a serious risk of harm to the public. The responsible authorities of the MAPPA include the National Probation Service, HM Prison Service and England and Wales Police Forces. The Panel noted that offenders could be on the sex offender register for life.

Osman Khan advised the Panel that the Police were involved in all aspects of safeguarding and they needed all the support from partners, including social care staff. Osman Khan further explained that other partners and agencies needed to step up in order to support the essential work of safeguarding children. Osman Khan advised the Panel that the Police Force would welcome support from Members. The Panel was informed that the Police attended every MAPPA meeting, but that they were unable to track everyone as there were simply not enough resources. Osman Khan further explained that there had to be a risk assessed approach to CSE as resources were not infinite and had to be allocated accordingly.

Michael Brown advised the Panel that the Police endeavour to control where possible where registered sex offenders were able to live, but indicated there were restrictions on the powers of the Police if someone was not on probation or there was no child in the house where they would be living.

## Cybercrime

Benn Kemp advised the Panel that a survey had been carried out in secondary schools on cybercrime, which had resulted in 2,376 valid anonymous responses. Benn Kemp outlined statistical data as follow:-

- 1,099 responses had been received from Kirklees which was the biggest proportion of responders
- 50/50 female/male
- 70% white backgrounds
- 47% from education
- Respondents were aged between 11 and 16
- Respondents currently used YouTube, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter in that order of popularity

Benn Kemp advised the Panel that from the results of the survey the Police had explored the CSE and safeguarding risks and outlined the key areas of questions which had been asked within the survey and these were:-

- Meeting somebody online and then later meeting them in person
- Meeting the person alone and whether they had told somebody they were going
- The age of the person they had met

The Panel was given confidential information with regard to performance data and additional information relating to cybercrime, but as this information was restricted it could not be shared beyond the Panel.

Benn Kemp advised that the results from the survey would influence training and future learning and that the Police intended to repeat the survey in the future. Benn Kemp further explained that the data from the survey would be used for comparative analysis and agreed to circulate his presentation to the Panel.

Osman Khan advised the Panel that Vanessa Smith from the West Yorkshire Police was working on geographical information with regard to the spread of children across the Kirklees District and would feed this information back to Social Care, Education and Safe and Cohesive Communities.

Osman Khan advised the Panel there was a lot more use of online gaming with Xbox and Playstation which was a new area for the Police. Osman Khan further explained that Vanessa Smith and Benn Kemp from the West Yorkshire Police were looking into this.

In response to a question from Councillor Holmes regarding Facebook and the ability to create fake profiles, Benn Kemp advised that the Police had good relationships with the majority of social media providers and work closely with them on a routine basis. Benn Kemp further explained that there were some challenges around law enforcement where Facebook was concerned as it was an American based company which operated from California under American law. Benn Kemp advised the Panel that Facebook were looking at different structures for the prevention of offences online.

In response to a question from Councillor Marchington with regard to the need to deal with the risk factors of CSE on social media, Benn Kemp advised that social media sites needed to be secured by design, meaning that the sites should be made secure when they were originally designed.

Benn Kemp advised the Panel that under reporting of cybercrime was a big issue and that Police were working hard within West Yorkshire and Kirklees to understand the risk and threat of online offending and the impact on the life of the victim. Benn Kemp further explained that the Police had accounts on Twitter and Facebook as a way of engaging with the community.

In response to a question from Councillor Holmes regarding how the Police could identify what might be coming up on social media, Benn Kemp advised that this was not easy to predict. Benn Kemp further explained that the Police had begun to see young people moving away from Facebook as parents and relatives now had accounts. The Panel was advised that the fastest growing age group on Facebook was now aged 50 to 66.

Benn Kemp advised the Panel that Whatsapp provided challenges against law enforcement.

Benn Kemp advised that it had been very difficult to undertake a Force wide analysis of the survey, as they had only received a few responses from some of the West Yorkshire Local Authority areas.

**AGREED:-**

(1) That colleagues from the West Yorkshire Police Force and Sarah Perry from Children's Services be thanked for attending the meeting and giving an update on historic CSE cases.

(2) That the Panel receive a copy of the CSE risk indicators to help with their understanding of CSE.

(3) That the Panel continue to receive quarterly updates from West Yorkshire Police on historic CSE cases.

**3 CSE Mapping**

The Panel considered a report giving information regarding the CSE Hub mapping process utilised for CSE Management within Kirklees. Michael Brown advised the Panel that he had recently been promoted as the new DCI at West Yorkshire Police and had a safeguarding background going back to 2002.

Michael Brown advised that the report gave a snapshot which looked at perpetrators or potential perpetrators and where improvements needed to be made. A risk matrix assessment of offenders was conducted and each offender was subjected to scoring and would therefore be flagged on the Police system.

Michael Brown advised the Panel that arrests of perpetrators were usually straight forward, however the challenge was proving in court that the perpetrator had committed an offence. The Panel was advised that victims would sometimes stand up in court indicating that they had not been abused and the Police could not overstep boundaries, but do have to be robust and make sure that messages have

been received by perpetrators. Michael Brown advised on the tactical options that the Police will use once the perpetrator has been assessed, which give the Police a number of disruption and tactical options as outlined within the report. Michael Brown further explained that the Police will knock on doors to visit potential perpetrators of CSE in order to give them an opportunity to 'mend their ways' and often speaking to the potential perpetrator in front of family members for example will expose them and does often have a positive result in the prevention of further offences.

The Panel was advised that staff within children's homes will monitor young people and advise the Police if they see a young person getting into a vehicle or any other suspicious circumstances.

Michael Brown advised that registered sex offenders could be monitored and managed. The Police will know where sex offenders have been and where they are going, for example, if they have been near a children's homes or in the location of where a child has gone missing.

Michael Brown advised the Panel that there were over 400 registered sex offenders currently within Kirklees, some relating to CSE. The Panel was informed that several Civil Orders had been successfully applied by the Police in relation to perpetrators who sexually abuse children.

Michael Brown advised that Organised Crime Groups (OCG's) with identified links to CSE were allocated to the CSE Team at Dewsbury Police Station by the safeguarding Detective Inspector. The Strategic 4 P's Plan (Pursue/Prevent/Protect/Prepare) was created and actions were directed and progressed by the CSE Offender Manager. Michael Brown further explained that the Multi Agency CSE Hub at Dewsbury Police Station received all CSE related referrals which were constantly reviewed to make sure that the Police were looking at the latest information. The Panel noted that the purpose of the scoring matrix was that the Police could concentrate on particular individuals and target resources in the right places. The Panel was advised that OCG's were being reviewed on a monthly basis.

The Panel discussed taxi drivers who had gained a hackney licence which would enable them to work in any private firm anywhere within the UK. Members noted that this issue had been considered previously by the Panel. The Police advised that taxi drivers who committed offences related to CSE could be from a variety of backgrounds.

Michael Brown advised the Panel that the Police were employing an Analyst to oversee hot spot areas who would produce a report on a monthly basis showing statistical analysis of the offender and victim profiling and where resources needed to be targeted. Michael Brown agreed to bring a update to a future meeting on how this analysis work was progressing.

Michael Brown updated the Panel on Operation Trackville which was a Multi-Agency CSE operation that was to run every 6 weeks within the Kirklees District to assess CSE related concerns. The Panel noted that the first operation had commenced in September 2016 and was a huge success. Michael Brown further explained that the intention of the operation was: -

- To identify and engage with young people throughout the District offering specialist support and guidance in an informal environment
- To support local taxi companies in identifying and reporting potential CSE incidents through education and compliance – the Police were reminding taxi firms of their roles and responsibilities around safeguarding
- To seek and arrest key wanted nominals across the District
- To gather and develop CSE related intelligence
- To frustrate and disrupt criminal activity across the Borough
- Use a positive media message to endorse the Police's commitment to tackling CSE criminality at all levels
- To carry out the operation with minimal disruption to the community

Michael Brown advised that the Police were exploring various options of engaging with the local community, for example, taking Police horses into parks which had proved successful in helping to break down barriers in talking to young people.

Sarah Perry advised the Panel Kirklees CSE Hub is able to offer advice, guidance and support to Kirklees children and their families, and also to partner agencies. The CSE Hub was currently involved in promoting the service and raising awareness including within the local community. The Hub was currently producing a You Tube video with the Police.

Osman Khan advised the Panel that protecting children was at the heart of safeguarding of CSE and that the Police's greatest partner was staff in social care. Osman Khan further explained that Carly Speechley and Sarah Perry were key officers for the Police to work with and that even though good progress had been made with other partners there was still a lot of work to do.

**AGREED:-**

(1) That colleagues from the West Yorkshire Police and Sarah Perry from Children's Services be thanked for attending the meeting to give an update on CSE mapping system within Kirklees.

(2) That the Panel receive a progress update on CSE Mapping, including the statistical analysis of the offender and victim profiling.

**4 Update on Key National and Local Issues**

The Panel considered a verbal update on the key National and Local issues.

Carly Speechley advised the Panel that the Goddard Inquiry was now called the Jay Inquiry. Carly Speechley further explained that the inquiry had been plagued by difficulties in that the legal advisor for the Inquiry had recently resigned which had hampered progress.

Carly Speechley explained to the Panel that the recent Ofsted inspection of Children's Social Care had recognised good work on CSE both strategic and operational, including a positive amount of investment in the CSE Hub and enhanced scrutiny due to the CSE and Safeguarding Member Panel.

**AGREED:-**

(1) That the update on national and local issues be noted.



## **5 CSE Management Information**

The Panel considered an update on CSE Management Information. Carly Speechley advised that the numbers of repeat contacts in relation to CSE continued to be low and that further work was ongoing around awareness raising and what defined CSE.

### **AGREED:-**

(1) That the CSE Management Information be noted.

## **6 CSE and Safeguarding Member Panel Agenda Plan for 2016/17**

The Panel considered the agenda plan for the CSE and Safeguarding Member Panel for 2016/17.

The Panel agreed to receive an update on the recent Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care and the emerging themes, and in particular with regard to CSE.

The Panel confirmed that they would be attending the PACE Event on 18 October 2016.

### **AGREED:-**

(1) That the agenda plan for the CSE and Safeguarding Member Panel for 2016/17 be noted and updated as agreed.

## **7 Date of Next Meeting**

### **AGREED:-**

That the date of the next meeting of the CSE and Safeguarding Member Panel be held on Friday 4 November 2016 at 10.30am til 12.30pm in Meeting Room 1, Huddersfield Town Hall.