

Pan Berkshire Child Exploitation Group

TERMS OF REFERENCE October 2021

Aim

To provide a cohesive and consistent multi-agency approach to Child Exploitation and Serious Youth Violence (SYV) in Berkshire.

Objectives; the group will:

- Meet Quarterly
- Provide operational consistency across the Berkshire.
- Act as a communication conduit for the 6 local areas and partners including the Violence Reduction Unit.
- Identify emerging threats, risks, and opportunities to inform an understanding of how and why some young people become vulnerable to or suffer from exploitation.
- Carry out analysis of risk indicators and put in place tactical and operational actions to prevent exploitation.
- Enable a common understanding of service delivery, including a consistent approach to the assessment of risk.
- Identify gaps in information sharing and agree on remedial action to address them.
- Consult with a range of bodies and organisations to identify and implement good practice.
- Promote greater knowledge and understanding about child exploitation through the development of consistent standards of multi-agency training on child exploitation, county wide.
- Cascade knowledge and understanding of child exploitation, county wide, increase confidence and positive outcomes.
- Support county wide communications initiatives, including public campaigns and peer to peer awareness raising models.
- Ensure learning from operational safeguarding work informs strategic and tactical planning across the county.
- Ensure all actions assigned to each member are completed within timescales agreed
- Ensure each area updates the group with three key highlights in relation to work on CE and SYV at each meeting.

Governance

The group is accountable to each of the Children Safeguarding Partnerships it represents. It will provide an annual report which accounts for the full range of its activities. This report will be provided in April each year and be a record for the previous financial year. The group will provide highlight reports to each Children Safeguarding Partnership quarterly, after each meeting.

Business support

Business manager and administration support will be provided by Slough Safeguarding Partnership.

A forward/ action plan will be devised by the group to ensure work is manageable and achievable.

Members will be consulted on items for the agenda one month in advance of meetings.

An agenda will be circulated a week prior to each meeting

Minutes will be circulated two weeks post meeting.

Membership

EMRAC chairs

SYV representative

Local authority safeguarding leads

Local CE operational/steering group chairs

Health representation across the range of disciplines

CCG representation from East and West Berkshire

LA Education/Safeguarding leads.

Police – PVP and LPA representation

Forward plan: By end March 2023, the group will have delivered the following products:

(To be agreed at the next meeting?)