

## Terms of Reference

### Children at Risk of Exploitation Group (CARE)

#### **Purpose:**

It is the responsibility of this Sub Group to ensure that children and young people will be safer in St Helens by monitoring the effectiveness of strategies, policies, procedures, practices in place, and by identifying and adopting local and national best practice. The Sub Group will utilise agency data to understand themes and patterns to inform the partnerships approach to child safeguarding in areas where children are at threat of exploitation and or presenting with Harmful Sexual Behaviours. The data will inform the auditing process if any gaps are identified.

#### **Accountability:**

The CARE Group will be accountable to the St Helens Safeguarding Children Partnership Board in supporting the delivery of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements (MASA) as per statutory and local requirements

#### **Responsibilities:**

The responsibility of the Children at Risk of Exploitation Sub Group include:

- Presenting reports to the Board and/or Executive on the following areas:
  - a) Child Sexual Exploitation – including online abuse
  - b) Criminal Exploitation
  - c) Children exposed to Domestic Violence
  - d) Children Missing from Home/Care/Education
  - e) Children who are presenting to services where Harmful Sexual Behaviour is a risk (identified by the use of the Brook Tool).
- Providing clarity on how safeguarding is addressed within child exploitation and the harmful sexual behaviours framework, and monitor and address agency's responses.
- Having a clear understanding of the local situation regarding children and young people missing from home, care, or school and incorporate national learning and local learning into the sub group's work.
- Co-ordinate the multi-agency partnership approach to the safeguarding of St Helens children in the virtual world protecting young people from online related harm.
- Identify and adopt new working practices to address current and emerging child exploitation and harmful sexual behaviours themes through the use of qualitative and quantitative data.
- Maintaining a multi-agency overview of the degree to which children and young people in St Helens are exploited in a number of ways.

\* Trafficking/Modern Slavery, Harmful Practices and Radicalisation will be the responsibility of the Community Safety Partnership – the Safeguarding Partnership will require an annual report from the CSP on these areas.

**Membership:****In attendance:**

DI Merseyside Police	CHAIR
Minute Taker	Emma Tunstall
Designated Nurse LAC CCG	CCG
Head of Safeguarding	Unit
Pan Merseyside CSE Coordinator	Catch 22
Head of Service Permanence	LA
YJS Manager (DEPUTY)	LA
DS Merseyside Police	Merseyside Police
HoS Adult Safeguarding Social Care	LA
Assistant Director Education	LA

**In attendance:**

Business Manager SCP

Minute taker

**Quorum, Meetings and Frequency:**

- The meeting is only quorate if 4 people from at least 2 different agencies are in attendance.
- All meetings will have representation, delegated or otherwise, from all safeguarding partners.
- Meetings will take place at monthly intervals

Business Support: Business support (minutes, coordination of meetings, action monitoring) will be provided by the will be provided by the SCU Administrative support team.

Amendment, Modification or Variation: These terms of reference may be amended, varied or modified following consultation with SHSCP Safeguarding Partners.

\*This group will have clear links to the Strategic MACE and will receive feedback from the Pan Merseyside MACE Group