

## Risk Management Meeting – [CS-A59]

12<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Attendees:

[Name Redacted] [Childrens home 20] Manager  
Chloe Skerratt, Social worker  
PC Melissa Warren, Operation Topaz  
PC Lucy Hassell, Operation Topaz  
Cathy Clark, IRO  
Jo Ritchie, BASE  
Sue Cox, The HOPE

Discussion around Housing – [CS-A59] urgent need to move on from [Childrens home 20]

[DPA] not an option at the moment due to Housing saying support needs are too high. Housing were due to attend this meeting to discuss this but have not.

Potential offer of Housing at [Childrens home 81]

**Cathy Clark** – expressed concern around this option “I am really concerned that the risk of sexual exploitation will increase if [CS-A59] moves to a place like [Childrens home 81]. I cannot see that [CS-A59] will not manage living alongside so many other young people. I fear the risk of him being evicted at a place like [Childrens home 81] is really high if he behaves as he has at [Childrens home 20]. I fear that he could be criminalised through this behaviour and this will impact on his life chances in future. He is such a vulnerable young man that I do feel he needs a supportive provision with staff on site and if possible cameras at the door to support his safety.” Suggests an option like [Children's home 114] – 2 bedded-supported housing with CCTV as a stepping stone to more independent accommodation

**Jo Ritchie** – CSE risks will increase if [CS-A59] moves to [Childrens home 81]. [CS-A59] very likely to meet peers that are also high risk of CSE or currently experiencing CSE. Unsafe adults target [Childrens home 81] and [Childrens home 82] and [CS-A59] will be very visible to these people. He is actively seeking out ‘customers’ at present, and they will be looking for him.

[Name Redacted] Also has very serious concerns about [Childrens home 81] as an option due to CSE risks and potential for criminalisation. [CS-A59] would not cope in an environment with so many other young people and risk of his behaviour escalating is high. Suggests using the [DPA] on site at [Childrens home 20] as supported housing with Staying Close support. Would need very strict rules around his risks and [Name Redacted] would need to be able to manage these. Violence/challenging behaviour at [Childrens home 20] has stopped recently, relationships with staff have improved.

[CS-A59] can't move into [DPA] until [Name Redacted] (other resident) has received direct offer from Home choice – she would not respond well to him taking it over her and this would likely escalate her behaviour – she would try to sabotage it for [CS-A59]

**Chloe** – Shares concerns raised by others about [Childrens home 81] increasing [CS-A59] risks of CSE and criminalisation. [CS-A59] has said that if he is placed at [Childrens home 81] he will go missing with no plan to return. He

would be highly likely to lose his place at [redacted] very quickly through either non-occupancy or his behaviour, and we will have no other immediate plan for his accommodation.

Manager of [redacted] has contacted Chloe for further information around referral – they may or may not make a decision to accommodate him.

**DPA** idea could work. It would be a good stepping stone and would have the benefit of staff being able to monitor and support around missing episodes. We would need to manage carefully how it is sold to him. If presented as an alternative to [redacted] as the only other option he could feel positive about it.

Discussion about [redacted] seeming to feel ambivalent about moving on from [redacted]. He is making disclosures and engaging well with staff.

**Mel Warren, Operation Topaz** – Also concerned about CSE risks at [redacted] and high risk of him being criminalised due to not coping around so many young people. Also potential risk of hate crime/bullying from other young people.

All professionals at the meeting agree that **Children home 81** would not be a safe option for [redacted].

Discussion around [redacted] disclosure

**Jo Ritchie, BASE** – Spoke to him on Tuesday this week, he was very open and talkative, Jo surprised at how well he engaged. He repeated his disclosure that he has been selling “sex and sexual favours” online, and meeting up with people in the community. Had a good conversation with him about the risks. He said he is not doing it at the moment, Jo suspects he still is. He was wearing a brand new expensive tracksuit.

He has disclosed having symptoms which could reflect an STI but could also be due to an injury [redacted] sustained in the assault from [redacted]. He needs further medical checks and a full STI screening – this will need to be done at Central Sexual Health Clinic as BASE nurse is off until late next week.

[redacted] staff will arrange this

**Chloe** – Action from the Strategy was that Mel and I should do a joint visit to [redacted].

**Mel** – [redacted] has requested to see Mel re. [redacted] anyway so she will visit him next week to do this and also talk to him about recent disclosures.

**Jo** – Feels [redacted] may disclose more if he is seen alone by Mel.

[redacted] – After missing episodes [redacted] has sometimes been collected from [redacted] **Bristol** but it feels as though he has not arrived on a train. Recently he is being collected on [redacted] **Bristol**.

### Education

[redacted] [redacted] has chosen not to enrol at college on the [redacted] **DPA** course he was accepted for. [redacted] has applied for a [redacted] **DPA** job at [redacted] **DPA**. He said the interview went well and was expecting to hear back earlier this week, not sure that he got the job. He is focussed on earning money as he is on supervised spending.

**Sue** – [CS-A59] can still enrol on his course or another course at [DPA] College this week or next.

**Chloe** – Referred him to Reboot previously but they had no capacity – new male worker has started since. Will re-refer.

**Mel/Jo** – Suggest Princes Trust [Sensitive/Irrelevant] there is a drop-in at their offices on a Thursday afternoon. Current vacancies for [Sensitive/Irrelevant]

**Cathy** – Should look at apprenticeship opportunities [Sensitive/Irrelevant] too.

#### Recent court appearance

Criminal damage at [Children home 20] Received 12-month conditional discharge which means no further YOT involvement. [CS-A59] has a small fine to pay.

**Chloe** - The magistrates praised [Children home 20] for their efforts in trying to keep a looked after child from getting a harsher sentence.

[Name Redacted] – Feels this was helpful in helping [CS-A59] to rebuild relationships at [Children home 20]

**Cathy** – expressed concern that if [CS-A59] is charged with offences against [CS-F53] he will be unfairly negatively affected and further criminalised

**Jo** – Delay in CAWN being issued only on the 12<sup>th</sup> after the decision on 6<sup>th</sup> may have meant officers didn't have the information they should have at the time [CS-A59] was arrested at [CS-F53] address. Could this have been avoided if we didn't seek [DPA] approval – could we have gone ahead without this?

**Mel/Lucy** – Has updated database to share information showing context to offence with charging officer. CPS will make a decision on whether to charge. It would be useful to find out from the solicitor whether they noted any bruising on injury to [CS-A59] at the police station. Also whether the tag box company (G4S?) are pressing charges or is it [CS-F53]?

**Jo** – [CS-A59] is trauma-bonded to [CS-F53] and it could be helpful in breaking the tie if it was [CS-F53] pressing charges and if [CS-A59] knew this.

#### Other issues:

**Jo** – [CS-A59] says the relationship with [CS-F53] is over (and has shared this with social worker and [Children home 20] staff too). [CS-F53] apparently sent him a text ending things saying the relationship is not working [CS-A59] has left some clothes at his house which he wants to collect. How can we support him to get his things back safely?

**Chloe** – Can South Wales police do this when they eventually issue the CAWN?

**Mel** – Will chase this up and request this. South Wales police have struggled to get into the block of flats to locate him.

**Chloe** [CS-A59] stopping challenging behaviour at [Children home 20] needs to be rewarded, as he is not going to be rewarded by moving on to his preferred housing option.

Name Redacted - We can take him on a spa day, he'd like this

**Actions:**

- Speak to Andy Corp, Housing re progressing [Name Redacted] move on to Home Choice [Name Redacted]
- Further explore [DPA] as a supported housing option [Name Redacted]
- Email to South Wales police re chasing up CAWN, [CS-A59] report and retrieving [CS-A59] clothes – **Mel (Chloe to email Mel)**
- Visit to [CS-A59] on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September to discuss recent and past disclosures – **Mel**
- Check any CSE-related intelligence re [DPA] - **Mel**
- Re-referral to Reboot – **Chloe**
- [CS-A59] to be supported to either enrol in college or attend Princes Trust drop-in [Name Redacted]  
[Children home 20]
- Arrange spa day with [Children home 20] [Name Redacted] [Children home 20]