

Appendix 1

Children & Young People Who Sexually Harm Sub Committee

Terms of Reference

This group is a sub committee of and is accountable to the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Board (NSCB).

The group will meet three times per year. Minutes will be taken and circulated.

A chair and vice chair will be appointed.

Membership

Membership of the group will (as a minimum) comprise representatives from the following agencies:

- Police
- Youth Offending Service
- Social Services
- Education
- Health (including CAMHS)
- The NSCB policy officer will also be in attendance.

Role of the Group

The overall aim of the group is to develop and coordinate an effective multi agency response to children and young people who sexually harm in Nottinghamshire.

It will do this by:

1. Monitoring the effectiveness of current interagency procedures (through agency reports and consideration of statistical information.)
2. Identifying areas for development of multi agency work in this area and planning work accordingly.
3. Considering relevant national / regional developments or new legislation / guidance in this area and any implications for work within Nottinghamshire.
4. Identifying and making recommendations as appropriate for areas for single agency development.
5. Plan and carrying out audits / reviews of service as felt appropriate.
6. Provide an annual report to the NSCB.

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board
Executive Group Meeting
16th May 2006

Children and Young People who Sexually Harm

Purpose of Report

To inform the NSCB of the work of the above sub committee, outstanding issues and plans for future work.

Terms of Reference

Draft terms of reference are attached at appendix 1.

Background

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Since 1977 the need for robust early assessment and intervention with this group of young people has been recognised. This led to the development of assessment and early intervention panels and a multi agency group to steer the work. This sub group that has developed from that steering group aims to build on established good practice across the county.

The particular importance of this work continues to be highlighted nationally along with areas in need of development locally. This continues to provide an impetus for the work of this sub group.

Achievements

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The primary focus for the work of the group over the last 18 months has been the development and introduction of a revised procedure and structure within which to assess and meet the needs of this group of people. This has resulted in:

- Introduction of a specialist assessment tool for YOS and SSD staff.
- Training provided for identified staff and managers in YOS, SSD and CAHMS (Head 2 Head service).
- Interface between SSD, YOS and Head 2 Head service agreed.
- Revised procedure and practice guidance for YOS and SSD staff produced and disseminated.

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Workplan 06/07

A formal workplan for the group has yet to be drawn up. However, within the parameters of the terms of reference the following areas of work have been identified:

- Monitoring of the implementation and effectiveness of the revised procedures.
 - Explore opportunities for improved management information.
 - Carry out a review of the system to include a limited multi agency file audit (planned for November '06).
 - Use existing management structures to embed the revised procedures.
 - Contribute to the development and delivery of agency training in this area.
- Broaden the focus of the group to address wider issues including:
 - How concerning behaviours are identified and handled within Education.
 - Health contributions (outside of CAMHS).
 - Development of a Countywide practitioners group.
- Consider the longer term role and function of the group.

Recommendation

That the NSCB Executive Committee note and endorse the planned work of the sub group for 2006 / 07.

Joe Foley
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