

Multi-agency response to child exploitation

Background

RSCP requires assurance of how effectively the local partnership, through its MASA, monitors, promotes, coordinates and evaluates the work of the statutory partners. How local agencies work with education and early years providers to identify and respond to children who are victims of Child Exploitation.

How local agencies work with the voluntary and community sector to respond to children

Definition

Child exploitation includes child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation, radicalisation, modern day slavery, human trafficking and honour-based violence.

<https://rotherhamscp.trixonline.co.uk/chapter/child-exploitation-pathway>

Actions for Partner's

Cross border partnership working, and information sharing is reviewed by partners to develop/ improve processes for closer cooperation and collaboration in protection and pursuit when children are exploited, and that they receive the same level of response

Messages for Good Practice

Evidence to support eco mapping, genograms and chronologies are routinely begun/completed in MASH.

Professionals to demonstrate good practice when a child withdraws support for the police investigation, this is appropriately challenged with the child. Professionals should consider incidents contextually and not in isolation

The Audit Considered

Response to children at the point of identification, assessment/planning and decision-making. Protecting, supporting children who are at risk or who have been victims of child exploitation including impact of any exclusion from education. Assurance of the activity of all partners to pursue and disrupt child exploitation. Preventing children from becoming victims, hear and learn directly from children's voice and experiences of child exploitation.

Protection & Action to be Taken

Some children's situations would benefit from a reflective conversation to identify where practice has affected and sustained change and where the impact was seen to be less effective.

MARAC meetings take account of the MATAc process (which deals with high-risk perpetrators, often with multiple victims) to assess risk/ impact and this is evidenced in the minutes of meetings

Learning about Practice

The multi-agency partnership response was positive, MASA/ MASH identified child exploitation and MACE assessed risk and harm. Prepare and Prevent elements of the child exploitation strategy were embedded in practice with timely involvement of Evolve and other services to provide support and immediate protection to children and families.

Minute briefing