

Rotherham Multi Agency Risk Management Panel

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1. Context

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, South Yorkshire Police and their partners are fully committed to ensure that lessons learnt from inspections and reviews into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham are translated into robust, effective and accessible services that are delivered where and when they are needed the most. It is very clear from our understanding of the experiences of abused and exploited children and young people that we need to adapt and change previous methods of engagement and approach in order to be able to respond their rights and needs for both for protection and justice. To this end, together, we aim to provide:

- A child-centred approach informed by the needs of the individual.
- A proactive approach that focuses on early identification, prevention and timely intervention.
- An integrated, flexible, creative approach that acknowledges that one approach does not fit all individual needs or risks.
- Effective joint working across all partners including voluntary and community based projects and providers.
- An approach that reflects a shared understanding of the problem both operationally and strategically.
- Robust and dynamic strategies informed by intelligent data.
- Needs-led, dynamic risk assessments that take account of emerging and changing risk and needs.
- Engagement with young people, children and families that respects that those relationships take time and patience to develop.
- Rigorous monitoring, evaluation and accountability.
- A supported, skilled and trained workforce.

We have reviewed our services and approaches to supporting and protecting children and young people who are at risk or suffering from child sexual exploitation. We have designed and created a Multi-Agency Child Sexual Exploitation Project, Evolve, based on good practice principles, standards and, most importantly, the voices and experiences of young people, children and their families.

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) takes place in local communities and information known to partners should be used to highlight the threat and establish risk. To enable this the MARP has been established to bring together key agencies that are working with children and young people who are at risk of or suffering from sexual exploitation.

2. Governance and Reporting Structure



3. Purpose

- 3.1. MARP will coordinate the response to the risk posed to certain high risk children, at certain locations and by certain offenders, agree disruption plans and hold agencies to account for delivery of actions to minimise risk.
- 3.2. The panel does not replace any child protection, children in need or children in care processes for individual children.
- 3.3. The procedure neither is nor is intended to replace individual agency procedures nor replaces other actions that workers may take to safeguard young people. It offers an additional risk management and information sharing approach to complex and high risk cases.
- 3.4. All organisations and partners will work together to keep children and young people safe from harm. These will be drawn from the statutory and voluntary sector and their work will follow recognised principles of effective practice to safeguard and protect the welfare of children and young people.
- 3.5. The MARP will have the potential to call upon the diverse skills and experience available amongst its members.
- 3.6. In conjunction with sharing information to increase the understanding of the risks posed by child sexual exploitation, they will bring together a range of specialist knowledge and partnership agreement to ensure that each

organisation plays its role to address the needs of young people considered to be at high risk.

4. Membership and Frequency of meeting

- 4.1. The Multi-Agency Risk Management Panel will meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month 13:00 17:00.
- 4.2. The members of the Panel will consist of the following:

Chair: Police Superintendent Deputy District Commander				
Deputy Chair: Evolve Support Team				
Service Manager Safeguarding Adults (RMBC)				
Strategic CSE Lead (RMBC)				
Missing & Vulnerable Lead (RMBC)				
Business Regulation Manager (RMBC Streetpride)				
Barnardo's				
Strategic Director (RMBC Environment & Development Services)				
IYSS Team Manager (RMBC)				
CSE Specialist Nurse				
Early Help Assessment Team Manager (RMBC)				
CSE Manager (RMBC)				
Service Manager Housing and Estate Services (RMBC)				
Service Manager Education Welfare Service (RMBC)				
Virtual Head for LAC				
Detective Chief Inspector Crime / Ops Manager District Police				
Detective Inspector Public Protection Unit Rotherham				
SYP Analyst Public Protection Unit				
Business Support CSE Team (RMBC)				

Members who are unable to attend will ensure that they send an appropriate Deputy.

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Item No	Description
1.	Welcome, Introductions and apologies for absence
2.	Minutes of last meeting (date)
3.	
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7.	Any other business

Multi-Agency Risk Panel (MARP) Meeting CONFIDENTIALITY & DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Confidentiality Statement

In working with offenders, victims and other members of the public, all agencies have agreed boundaries of confidentiality. The information contained in these MARP meetings respects those boundaries of confidentiality and is shared under an understanding that:

- 1) The meeting is called in circumstances where it is felt that the risk presented by the offender is so great that issues of public or individual safety outweigh those rights of confidentiality.
- 2) These minutes are closed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 under one or more of the following reasons:
 - a) Investigations and proceedings by Public Authorities (s.30(1)(B));
 - b) Health and safety (s.38);
 - c) Personal information (s.40);
 - d) Information provided in confidence (s.41)
- 3) The discussions and decisions of the meeting take account of Article 8.2 of the European Convention on Human Rights, with particular reference to:
 - a) Public safety;
 - b) The prevention of crime and disorder;
 - c) The protection of health and morals;
 - d) The protection of the rights and freedom of others.

All documentation will be marked RESTRICTED.

An attendee receiving the minutes is entitled to share them as necessary within his or her own agency, but should not share the minutes widely within the agency, or with anyone outside the agency, unless this has been agreed at the MARP meeting or, if later, by the Chair of the meeting. Minutes should be kept in the RESTRICTED or CONFIDENTIAL section of agency files.

If further disclosure with another agency with whom you have links is felt essential, permission should be sought from the Chair of this MARP meeting and a decision will be made (share on a need-to-know basis, share information which is proportionate and necessary) as to what information can be shared.

Diversity Statement

The work of the MARP Group is committed to equal access to services for all groups, particularly in relation to race, gender, age, religious belief, sexual orientation and disability, and to ensuring that policies and procedures do not draw on stereotypical assumptions about groups or contain any elements that will be discriminatory in outcome.

In undertaking its work, the agencies involved in CSE will be sensitive and responsive to people's differences and needs and will integrate that understanding into the delivery of its function in order to ensure that nobody is disadvantaged as a result of their belonging to a specific social group.

Attendance

Name	Role	Signature