

Partnership Against Child Trafficking Project (PACT)

London Borough of Enfield
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Background

- ECPAT – ‘Every Child Protected against Trafficking’. Well established UK third sector organisation working to tackle Child Trafficking
- Home Office Funding to work with two local authorities (one in London and one elsewhere)
- Missing People. Only charity in the UK which is dedicated to bringing missing children and adults back together with their families
- Focus on MSTE (Modern Slavery, Trafficking & Exploitation)
- Understand how the local authority / area currently responds to MSTE and work with them to improve the overall response.

Project Offer

- **Social Care MSTE Case File Audit**
- **Local Authority Policy/skills review**
- **Youth consultation**
- **Staff online survey**
- **Bespoke learning package**
- **Final conference**

Case File Audit – context

- 30 cases where MSTE was identified as taking place or high risk. Not necessarily Trafficked.
- From the Top 10 trafficked nationalities
- Audit conducted by Cordis Bright – external consultants
- Standard Case File audit tool with some additional questions
 - *Is the child currently missing or been recorded missing in the past 12 months? If yes, how many times has the child gone missing?*
 - *Identified as a victim or suspected victim of MSTE* by the local authority (note all suspected exploitation type/s where possible)*
 - *Referred to the National Referral Mechanism? (If not LA referral, is there evidence of referral by another agency?)*
 - *If relevant, how has the risk of re-trafficking been assessed and mitigated?*

Case File Audit – Findings

- All cases were judged to be ‘Good’ or ‘Requires Improvement’
- Some inconsistency in young people being identified as being at risk of Trafficking.
- Strong identification of CSE risks
- Little record of young people being referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM)
- Not much evidence of consideration given to risk of being ‘re-trafficked’
- Some inconsistency around use of CP processes



Case File Audit – Follow UP

- All audits are on LiquidLogic with File audit casenote and the document in Wisdom
- All current workers and managers have been or will be emailed to indicate the audit
- Audits should be discussed and referenced in supervision session
- Full Report will be circulated
- Findings used to inform our refreshed Trafficking and Modern Slavery policy and forthcoming training sessions

Local Authority Policy/skills review

- Audit of policies undertaken by *Missing People*
- Missing Protocol – overall very positive. Some advice for improvement especially re: Children in Care
- CSE Protocol – very positive. Some small areas of improvement
- Modern Slavery & Trafficking – Needs to be completely revised. ECPAT has written a draft which will be updated in line with new national guidance (especially around the NRM)

Youth Consultation

- **To host 2 x consultation workshops (made up of approx. 15 children in care per session, under 18, to gather feedback from at-risk young people**
- **Will take place in January 2018**

Staff online survey

- ECPAT want to canvass a wide range of employees' opinions on their ability to identify signs of child exploitation; what they believe their current level of skill is in handling these cases; perceptions of the Council's response; and what they feel any outstanding training needs may be.

Trafficking and Modern Slavery online questionnaire

- This will feed into the protocol and the training

Bespoke learning package

- ECPAT will use their findings and wider knowledge to develop out bespoke sessions
- *To explore, in-depth, the subject of modern slavery, child trafficking and exploitation and how missing is inter-linked. To enhance skills to enable better identification, referral and working with children who may have been trafficked and ensuring best practice in multi-agency and partnership working*
- 4 full day session 30 people per session. 25 Social Workers and 5 multi-agency partners at each session
- Book via [iLearn](#). Book now!

Final conference

- To summarise activity, findings and learning and to launch new procedures / protocol
- Date TBC. Probably February 2018

