

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & ASSOCIATED RISK TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TASK GROUP - 14.9.2017

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & ASSOCIATED RISK TO
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TASK GROUP
HELD ON THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2017**

COUNCILLORS: Jansev Jemal (Chair), Nesil Cazimoglu, Patricia Ekechi,
PRESENT Elaine Hayward, Doris Jiage, Glynis Vince.

OFFICERS: Tony Theodoulou (Executive Director Schools and Children's Services, Grant Landon (Service Manager Practice & Partnerships), Tariq Soomauroo and Elaine Huckell (Governance and Scrutiny)

180. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR - WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor Jansev Jemal was appointed as Chair for the Committee.
Elaine Hayward was appointed as Vice Chair.
Councillor Jemal welcomed attendees to the meeting.

181. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

182. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the 1 March 2017 were **AGREED**.

Matters Arising –

Annual report of the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group – It was expected that this report, together with the amended Terms of Reference for the Task Group would be reported to the Council meeting on 22 November 2017.

ACTION : Grant Landon

The Commissioner for Modern Slavery - The Commissioner had said that he would be happy to attend a future meeting of the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group and it was hoped that he would be able to come along to the next meeting on the 12 December 2017.

Councillor Jemal referred to the new Overview and Scrutiny Workstream on 'Human Trafficking/ Modern Slavery' which would be led by Councillor Michael Rye and includes Councillors Pat Ekechi, Elaine Hayward, Jansev Jemal, Chris Bond and Mary Maguire as members. It was suggested that we

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invite additional people to come along to the next meeting to discuss relevant issues with the Commissioner. **ACTION:** Grant Landon

183. PROPOSED CHANGES TO GROUPS REMIT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Tony Theodoulou (Executive Director Schools and Children's Services) and Grant Landon (Service Manager Practice & Partnerships), introduced the report which gave a summary of the work undertaken by the Child Sexual Exploitation and Associated Risks to Children and Young People Task Group and put forward proposals to amend the Terms of Reference for the group to include a focus on a number of additional areas.

The following was highlighted:

- Councillor Jemal would be working with Grant Landon to incorporate any changes to the Terms of Reference before it is submitted to Council in November. Members were asked for their comments.
- The proposed wider focus of issues for this group would align with the Enfield Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) subcommittee.
- One of the additional areas referred to 'Young People involved in or at risk of Harmful Practices'. Another referred to 'Radicalisation and the prevent agenda'. It was noted that issues have been included which are vulnerabilities that impact on young people.
- The subject of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) should be included as an issue for consideration as part of the concern for 'Young People involved in or at risk of Harmful Practices'. The question of whether girls returning to school in September from specific countries had been subjected to FGM, is to be considered
- In answer to whether there was any data on FGM to base our concerns; Tony Theodoulou spoke of a public health report which had been produced for the Safeguarding Board, and he referred to a unit at North Middlesex hospital which deals with this issue.
- The subject 'Young People involved in or at risk of Harmful Practices' may also cover further issues that arise such as the recent increase in 'acid attacks'.

AGREED The report on the Vulnerable Young People Task Group - Proposed Terms of Reference would be amended and reported to Council on 22 November 2017. **ACTION:** Grant Landon

184. CSE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN (INCLUDING CHELSEA'S CHOICE) UPDATE

Grant Landon spoke of CSE Awareness campaign which ran from March to August this year.

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He highlighted the following:

- Posters had been used in secondary schools, libraries and other council buildings throughout the borough. The posters included Enfield contact telephone numbers and a website address.
- Leaflets and wallet sized cards had been produced in association with LB Haringey and were continuing to be used at North Middlesex Hospital. These are in packs given out to young people attending A&E.
- The play 'Chelsea's Choice', which was targeted at young people, had been commissioned from a theatre company 'AlterEgo'. This followed our bid to the Enfield Strategic Partnership Board to finance the project. A total of 40 shows took place - 18 schools were given 2 performances and there were additional performances for health professionals and multi-agency professions. The performances had been well received and a professional from the Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention (CSEP) Team had attended each time to provide post performance support for young people.

The following issues were raised:

- Councillor Jemal spoke of the success of the play and thought it had been useful for professionals to be on hand to speak to youngsters after the performance. Some people had emotional responses to the play.
- It was thought that foster carers may also have found the performance useful and it was suggested that a link be provided for them to be able to access this, if possible.
- Grant Landon thought there were other topics that may be usefully presented in this way, such as for gang involvement and knife crime
- Whilst there may not have been many 'disclosures' resulting from the performances, it was thought that these thought provoking subjects may lead to youngsters seeking help in the future. It would also hopefully be effective in preventing these issues from occurring.
- It was reassuring for young people that these matters could be discussed in a safe environment.

The Chair thanked officers for the work undertaken as part of the CSE Awareness Campaign.

185. CSE, MISSING, TRAFFICKING, FGM & FORCED MARRIAGE UPDATE

The report of the Enfield Safeguarding Children Board covers the key areas of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Missing, Trafficking, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Forced Marriage.

The following was highlighted:

- Enfield's Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) meetings are police led and have been operational since 2013. Meetings are convened monthly where it is possible to share information and intelligence, and to look at themes such as improvement of patrolling for local parks. It

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also provides/ collects data on 'Persons of concern' cross referencing with other issues including gang involvement.

- Police led 'test purchases' took place in Enfield with hotels/guest houses where there were male and female under -age discrepancies. There were good results with all establishments recognising that 'something was amiss' and taking appropriate action.
- CSE Operating protocol – this provides guidance on how professionals need to respond to CSE across the borough.
- Based on our understanding of demographics it is thought there are approximately 2800 girls at risk of FGM in Enfield. This figure is currently being updated. The vast majority of women who have been subjected to this are determined that their daughters should not. This research is being revisited. It is difficult to make accurate assessments of numbers as there is under reporting. Community events had been held in the past to focus on this issue. The aim was for local people to speak to each other to prevent FGM, it was noted that communication with men and boys was needed.

Councillor Jemal said the report was useful as it provided an overview of what was happening in a number of areas and how the groups work together.

Grant Landon was thanked for presenting this update.

186. CSE DATA

Grant Landon circulated a paper which provided a table (bar chart) of the numbers of CSE Cases Cross Referenced April to August 2017.

He highlighted:

- The growing number of young people who have had episodes of being missing.
- The column showing the 'number of young people missing' for April would not be based on the same people as those shown for May. This is because the young people involved were constantly changing. The figures show the number of young people who have had episodes of 'being missing' for that month and not the number of incidents that have occurred

The following points were raised:

- Following a query about how it was possible to assess, from the data provided, the effectiveness of the work carried out by the team. Tony Theodoulou said it was difficult to get a full picture from data and suggested that it might be helpful for a member of the team (Andrea Wilkinson) to come along to a future meeting to discuss these issues further. **ACTION:** Grant Landon/ Andrea Wilkinson
- That over the previous 6 months there had been a purposeful shift for the Enfield's Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) meetings to

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look at themes rather than at individual cases, for example a particular park, or gang.

- It was suggested that members be provided with London wide data relating to CSE (from the police) that would enable members to be able to make comparisons between Enfield and other London boroughs.

187. CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION PREVENTION TEAM (CSEP) UPDATE

Grant Landon presented a report on progress of the Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention (CSEP) Team and included case summaries.

The team is now part of the Looked After Children's (LAC) Service and is made up of Social Workers, Police officers and youth workers. The Team Manager is Andrea Wilkinson. The 'Signs of safety' model is used.

188. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group will be Tuesday 12 December 2017.

189. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED in accordance with the principles of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

190. PART 2 AGENDA - CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION PREVENTION TEAM (CSEP) UPDATE

See item 8.