



Kirklees Safeguarding Children Board



The Newcastle SCR (CSE Relevant)

The Learning , key points and the relevance for
Kirklees Safeguarding

Joint Serious case review commissioned by the Newcastle Children and Adults Board

- Published February 2018- review started in 2014
- Author David Spicer – a Barrister
- Objectives to take the learning as a result of the protracted investigation into CSE , involving both Adults and children
- Thematic approach
- Learning events
- 18 local recommendations , 15 National
- This is a summary of key points

Operation Sanctuary

- Launched 2014
- Initial report from young adult aged 21 with Learning difficulties
- Initially 30 men arrested , that publicity led to two more 19 years olds coming forward
- Victim profile : young children , adolescents , adults with vulnerabilities
- At the end of the operation 700 victims of exploitation identified across Northumbria

Generic findings

- Abusers came from a wide variety of backgrounds
- The system too reliant on victims coming forward
- Likelihood it is still occurring
- Court experience perceived as damaging for the victims
- Little remorse by abusers
- Missed opportunities in the past
- Perpetrators historically not effectively dealt with
- Vulnerable adults targeted and possibly unrecognised
- Embedding emerging learning quickly was challenging

Specific findings

- Examples where individuals had licenses to operate a taxi removed but continued as a private operator of larger vehicles.
- There is little published experience of addressing SE in adults – the SE focus has been around children and adolescents
- The community role and the link to cohesion
- The conversations with perpetrators to understand the context of offending is not coming back into safeguarding arrangements
- Consideration of Adults must be part of any response to a missing and sexual exploitation strategy
- Non engagement of CPS in the development of guidelines for involvement in local safeguarding

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- Community based services role in the development of sexual exploitation work , specifically a focus on awareness
- Guidance from government on children who are educated other than at school on keeping safe
- Missing interviews with vulnerable adults – are they effective and tuned into the possibility of SE
- Is PHSE up to date and relevant
- NHS England – information sharing system for sexual health settings
- Should information sharing systems in Child protection apply to adult safeguarding

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- Sexual health services audit activity should be reported to both safeguarding boards and should include the processes to assess capacity to receive such services
- Front line staff understanding of culture , attitudes and SE particularly front line adult staff and how this impacts on risk and decision making
- Mental health support
- Both boards need to consider the guidance locally on understanding the differences between learning disability and learning difficulty and the relevance for safeguarding judgements and services
- Training for staff working in services focused on disability and in adult care
- Court care for witnesses , before and during evidence and disclosure of records

Next steps

- What does this mean for us ?
- Are there further issues we should pick up ?
- How might we disseminate the learning ?