

## **Cumbria LSCB Child Sexual Exploitation Procedure**

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On the 18 March 2015 the National Working Group Network call for all to unite against Child Sexual Exploitation.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a form of sexual abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18 into sexual activity.

Everyone has a role to play in raising awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation and safeguarding children is everybody's business.

Any child can be sexually exploited no matter what culture, ethnicity, religion, whether a boy or a girl from any background.

It is the intent of the LSCB to improve the lives of children in Cumbria by ensuring that all those who work with young people are aware of what child sexual exploitation is, will intervene as early as possible, will respond to the needs of victims to repair the damage and will work together to prevent children becoming victims in the first place.

Our previous Chapter 12 CSE procedure, praised by National Working Group, has been enhanced based on best practice and following feedback from practitioners – please see the link below:

[Child Sexual Exploitation Procedure and Tools \(link\)](#)

### **Tools**

The new procedure contains appendices which can also be accessed and printed off separately - as tools for practitioners (see the procedures manual [Documents Library](#)). These are:

- CSE Multi-agency Pathway
- CSE Initial Screening Tool
- CSE Risk Assessment Tool
- CSE Risk Indicators Guidance Sheet for Practitioners
- Barnardos 'Puppet on a String' Report 2011 - Models of activity in the spectrum of Sexual Exploitation

### **The procedure is deliberately wide ranging and outlines:**

1. Definition including understanding sexual exploitation categories
2. Risks and vulnerability indicators including use of other tools
3. Role of multi-agency partners in identifying and challenging CSE
4. Prevention , Early Help and what works
5. Cumbria Safeguarding Hub, multi-agency oversight and tracking and multi-agency district coordination
6. Assessing a child's needs where CSE may be present
7. District based multi-agency management of individual young people
8. Admission to local authority care

9. Legislative frameworks Identifying and prosecuting perpetrators, including supporting Children and Young People through related legal proceedings

### **Actions**

- All frontline practitioners working with children and young people need to be aware of this procedure and know where to find it, plus the associated materials and tools.
- Practitioners leading individual teams around a family at an Early Help level and those at a statutory level should read and apply it. Where there is any uncertainty, practitioners need to contact their own agencies safeguarding leads or their team manager.
- Practitioners should use the procedure and tools and participate in training on child sexual exploitation, and therefore be aware of the key indicators of child sexual exploitation.

### **Contact**

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