



**Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership are working to tackle exploitation. This is a new newsletter to keep professionals up to date with issues and progress and raise awareness of local and national information and campaigns.**

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## **Complex Safeguarding Teams**

Coinciding with the local government changes on April 1st, 2023, there will be **Complex Safeguarding Teams**, which will encompass child exploitation and missing. There will be a team based in each new council (Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness). The teams will have **Child Exploitation Intervention Workers (CEIW)**.

Child Exploitation Intervention Workers (CEIW) will be able to offer direct support to all children assessed as High or Medium Child Exploitation concerns and where required children identified with a Low Child Exploitation status. The CEIW will offer direct support to families, including siblings (when affected), carers, and the wider professional network working with the child. CEIW will not case hold the child's plan but work alongside case holders, supporting social workers and Early Help leads.

CEIW's will build working relationships with health providers, education providers, care homes and other contexts that children find themselves in, such as youth zones and clubs that they may attend. CEIW's will undertake Return Home Interviews for children open to Social Care and support the development of safety plans for missing.

## Cumberland Team

Complex Safeguarding Team Manager - Sharon Tingey

- Joanne Dixon
- Stephen Haywood
- Lauren Waugh
- Sarah Sayer



## Westmorland and Furness Team

Complex Safeguarding Team Manager - Amanda Burrow

- Sarah Duncumb
- Debra Gundry
- Alison King
- Sly (Sylvester) McNally



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## Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCP) Child Exploitation Champions Network

Over the last six months CSCP has been further developing the Child Exploitation Champions Network. The aim of the network is for each organisation signed up to the partnership to have a Child Exploitation Champion. The purpose of the Child Exploitation Champion role is to:

- Be a key contact for staff within an organisation/department to go to for support and advise in relation to child exploitation
- Be a key contact for CSCP to share updates, resources and examples of good practice
- To raise awareness, disseminate resources and information in relation to child exploitation within their organisation
- Enable those champions who wish to undertake CSCP Child Exploitation Train the Trainers course and become a designated trainer for their organisation on child exploitation

The Child Exploitation Champions Network meet regularly 4 times per year, some of which are face to face meetings. There are regularly training opportunities and access to further tools/information to cascade to staff within your organisation.

Does your organisation have a Child Exploitation Champion, and do you know who it is? If your organisation doesn't have a Child Exploitation Champion, do you have the passion to be a Child Exploitation Champion for your organisation, if so contact [steph.smithson@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:steph.smithson@cumbria.gov.uk) who will give you further information on the network and how to join.

## The Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Review (CERAR) Process

Do you know how to support a child or young person when you suspect that they are at risk of child exploitation or being exploited. The Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Review (CERAR) is Cumbria's multi-agency approach to child exploitation assessment and review process, to find more about the process you can access the policy and procedures [here](#).

If you need to discuss a concern regarding a child who you suspect is at risk of exploitation, you can send an email to mailbox [cerar@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:cerar@cumbria.gov.uk) and one of the Complex Safeguarding Team Managers will get in touch to discuss your concerns.

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## Child Exploitation Training

Over recent months there has been the development of Child Exploitation Training. There is now Child Exploitation Level 1 eLearning in place which the CSCP recommend that anyone working with children should complete as mandatory training. For those practitioners who work more closely with children and young people and are involved in their safety planning, these practitioners should complete the new Level 2 Child Exploitation Training. All details of the training can be found [here](#).

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## NWG Mind Your Language Training

Cumbria Safeguarding Adults Board (CSAB) and Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCP) are working with NWG to deliver four webinars on Mind Your Language: Exploitation and Victim Blaming over the next few months. The aim of the webinars is to explore our practice to ensure we accurately and sensitively record and report of victim experiences.

Further information and details on how to book a place can be found [here](#).

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## NWG The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) - What? Why? How? Training

The CSCP as part of their ongoing specialist training opportunities have commissioned NWG to deliver a short 2-hour course on [The National Referral Mechanism \(NRM\) – What? Why? How?](#). The course will explain what the NRM is including what happens when a child becomes an adult and submitting additional information, how the NRM benefits children and where it fits in legislation before taking you step by step through completing an NRM referral.

The course is aimed at practitioners working with children and young people and those who may be at risk of child exploitation/modern slavery.

The training will be delivered by Karen Laing from NWG and will take place on the following dates (bookable via Eventbrite).

**Thursday 20th April 2023 (1pm - 3pm) [Click here to book your place](#)**

**Tuesday 26th September 2023 (10am - 12pm) [Click here to book your place](#)**

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## Spotting the signs of Child Exploitation

Some signs that a child may be being exploited can include:

- Missing school
- Travelling alone, particularly in school hours, late at night or frequently
- Staying out late or overnight
- Unexplained gifts/new possessions/possession of unexplained cash
- Drugs and alcohol misuse
- Secretive behaviour
- Inappropriate or sexualised behaviour
- Friendship or relationships with older adult/persons of concern
- Significant changes in mood or behaviour changes in appearance (clothes, hygiene, etc...)
- Becoming withdrawn or isolated, poor mental health/self-harm etc...
- Lots of time spent on social media talking to 'friends' they haven't met or that family don't know
- Unexplained injuries
- They own a second mobile phone from which they are receiving a high volume of calls or need to leave urgently after receiving a text/call



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## Useful information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/gangs-criminal-exploitation/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/child-sexual-exploitation/>

<https://nwgnetwork.org/>

<https://paceuk.info/>

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## National Child Exploitation Awareness Day 18th March 2023 #CEADay23

Saturday 18th March is National Child Exploitation Awareness Day, to coincide with this awareness day, the CSCP are holding a Lunch and Learn session on Friday 17th March at 12.30-1.30pm. the aim of the day being to raise awareness of children and young people being abused through child exploitation. The session will cover 'Spotting the Signs' of child exploitation and how to use the CERAR process to get the appropriate support for children. All details on how to book on this session can be accessed [here](#).

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