

Cumbria Safeguarding
Children Partnership



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Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership Child Exploitation Champions Network



Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCP) has been developing the Child Exploitation Champions Network.

The CSCP aims 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 advice in relation to child exploitation.
- Be a key contact for CSCP to share updates, resources, and examples of good practice. Keep up to date with local arrangements, such as how and who to share concerns about child exploitation with and referral processes.
- To provide advice and signposting in relation to the CERAR process and pathways.
- To raise awareness, disseminate resources and information in relation to child exploitation within their organisation.
- For those who wish to undertake CSCP Child Exploitation Train the Trainers course and become a designated trainer for their organisation.
- To identify gaps in provision/practice and feed this back to the CSCP through Child Exploitation Forums/Network Meetings.
- Keep up to date with local policy and procedures in relation to child exploitation which is supported by the CSCP.

It is for each organisation to decide who is best placed within their organisation to be the Child Exploitation Champion, and to decide if the role rests with one person or a number of people. Staff wishing to act as a Child Exploitation Champion for their organisation or department should firstly seek support from their manager.

Requirements for Child Exploitation Champions:

Whilst there are no agreed pre-requirements for a Child Exploitation Champion, it would be ideal if Child Exploitation Champions had baseline knowledge of Child Exploitation and contextual safeguarding. Further training in these areas can be provided.

The CSCP would invite CE champions to:

1. Have completed or be working towards completion of the CSCP Child Exploitation eLearning package and Child Exploitation Level 2 training.
2. Have support from line manager to be the Child Exploitation Champion in their team/organisation
3. Have a keen interest in ongoing learning and professional development and with support of the Child Exploitation Champions forum or external training keep themselves up to date through attending the equivalent of at least one day of training per year related to child exploitation.

The CSCP will provide information, resources and learning opportunities through its learning and development programme. Child Exploitation Champions will have the opportunity to meet on a regular basis, at least 4 times per year. Child Exploitation Champions will have access to a Child Exploitation newsletter.

To submit a request to join the Child Exploitation Champions Network please contact cscp@cumbria.gov.uk