

Complex Safeguarding in Greater Manchester

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Background

- CSE and Project Phoenix
- Improve standards and consistency across GM
 - Knowledge and understanding
 - Assessments
 - Partnerships
 - Practice
 - Disruption and enforcement
 - Interventions

Interventions

- What constitutes an “effective intervention”?
- Multi-agency co-located teams across GM
- Challenge of working with risk in adolescence
- Risk is external to the family home
- System challenges
- Consequences of us not getting it right are often dire
- Lack of evidence of “what works” in 2014

DfE Innovation

- Successfully bid for c. £1million
- Initially across Wigan and Rochdale
- Three phased project:
 - Extensive, mixed methodology research
 - Co-design with families and professionals
 - Test out a new approach
- Achieving Change Together

ACT

- Social work focused
- Strength-based approach
- Operated outside of statutory social care requirements
- Changes to terminology and language
- Low caseloads
- Parenting support
- Access to therapeutic services

ACT

- Evaluated by NatCen & University of Beds
- Worked with 28 families in year 1
- Improved outcomes
- Stabilised placements
- Reduced cost
- Feedback from children, parents and professionals was overwhelmingly positive
- www.itsnotokay.co.uk/ACT

Complex safeguarding

- For the ACT cohort sexual exploitation was rarely cited as their primary concern
- Risk in adolescence is rarely restricted to one issue
- Design a system that is better able to respond to the needs of adolescents
- Align existing programmes in GM
- GM complex safeguarding hub & spoke model

Manifestations of exploitation

- Sexual Exploitation
- Criminal exploitation
- Modern slavery
- Sham marriages
- Trafficking
- Radicalisation
- County Lines
- Honour Based Abuse
- Female Genital Mutilation

Functions of the Hub

- Strategy, policy and procedures
- Knowledge, data, intelligence & analysis
- Coordination, governance & performance
- Deliver / commission relevant training
- Set standards of practice across GM
- Provide challenge and support for spokes
- Commitment to research, learning & innovation
- Dialogue with central government and inspection & regulation bodies
- Encourage flexibility in practice & resource allocation

Spokes

- Roll out of ACT
- Closer alignment of existing teams / services
- Based on local demand profile
- Aligned with enforcement and regulatory services
- Interface with health
- Access to counselling / therapeutic services
- Opportunity for shared services