



Child Sexual Exploitation

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017



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Introduction

This report is designed to provide an assessment on the effectiveness of Warwickshire agencies to child sexual exploitation (CSE) and missing children. The Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board have a duty to undertake this assessment regularly in order for the board and partner agencies to satisfy themselves that service improvement is being maintained and that appropriate responses are given to children, young people and their families in respect of sexual abuse and children who go missing from home, care and education.

This report has been written in partnership by the Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing Children Strategic and Operational Leads from Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police and Barnardo's.

The report will be presented to the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board and to the Warwickshire County Council Children & Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

This report will be published on the Something's Not Right and Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board website.



National Picture



Child Sexual Exploitation continues to have a significant national profile across the United Kingdom.

In February 2017 the Home Office identified CSE as a National Threat in the UK. Over the last year there has continued to be changes and developments in CSE at pace on a national level but there is more to be done.

In particular the government launched the Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse. The centre is funded by the Home Office, led by Barnardo's, and works closely with key partners from academic institutions, local authorities, health, education, police, and the voluntary sector. The Centre has been established to help bring about significant and system wide change in how child sexual abuse is responded to locally and nationally by generating and sharing high quality evidence of what works to prevent and tackle child sexual abuse in regards to policy and practice. In Warwickshire, we are working with the centre and partners, in particular we are excited by the research commissioned by the centre with Coventry University to assess the most effective tools for screening and assessing the risk of CSE.

For more information see www.csacentre.org.uk



Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse

In January 2017 OFSTED published their thematic inspection report **“Time to Listen - a joined up response to child sexual exploitation and missing children.”** This helped us review our service and key priorities based on learning from others.

In February 2017 the Home Office launched the new definition of Child Sexual Exploitation.

THE NEW DEFINITION:

Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.

A progress report on the government’s strategy to tackle CSE, also published in February 2017, found steps taken to improve systems and frontline social work practice were part of key successes. The report found a 14% increase in the number of defendants prosecuted for child sexual abuse related offences, and a 19% increase in offenders convicted across England and Wales.



HM Government

To view the Progress Report visit: <http://bit.ly/2laAp7z>

Key achievements

2016-2017

- Through relationship based practice, young people's emotional resilience has enabled many to give evidence in Court to support ensure successful prosecutions. This has led to 23 CSE related prosecutions in 2016-2017.
- An increased understanding of CSE through the Something's Not Right Campaign. Utilising social media has widened understanding about CSE; 35 Awareness Training Events and 141 Specialist/Targeted CSE training events took place.
- Implemented a new governance structure, which introduced a Multi-Agency Operational Group to share information across agencies.
- We have a strong multi-agency team who have successfully undertaken complex operations involving multi victims and perpetrators.
- Intelligence gathered through Return Home Interviews has informed CSE Operations.
- Improved information sharing through the implementation of a CSE intelligence form, sharing of information from Return Home Interviews with missing children with appropriate agencies and sharing notifications for young people placed in Warwickshire with the police where there is a risk of CSE.
- Implemented victim focussed strategies to support children and young people to give evidence.
- Ongoing support has prevented exploitation of young people, reduced risk of ongoing or repeated exploitation and enabled young people to repair and successfully move on after they have experienced exploitation.
- Strengthen Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) Meetings to be focused upon young people's needs and reduce duplication by integrating into Child In Need, Children Protection and Children Looked After processes.
- Increased the number of Missing Children's Practitioners from 1.5 to 5 full time equivalent. This is enabling direct work with young people who repeatedly go missing which will lead to a reduce in missing episodes.
- Introduced new guidance to respond to unaccompanied children from overseas, to prevent missing episodes and trafficking.
- Implemented multi-agency review process for all children who remain missing; including intervention meetings and increased the number of children referred through the national referral mechanism to the National Trafficking Centre.
- CSE Operation De-Brief process agreed to capture experiences of victims, parents/carers and professionals and ensure learning from every CSE operation is shared and implemented.

And much more!

Local Profile 2016-2017

A key priority is to fully understand the local profile regarding CSE in Warwickshire.

From April 2016 to October 2016, 56 children were subject to a Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation Meeting (MASE). From November 2016 to March 2017, 132 children were subject to a MASE Meeting. 30 children were subject to review MASE meetings. Since the integrated approach to CSE has been undertaken, where separate meetings are not required, there has been increased recording of MASE Meetings.

On 31st March 2017 there were 65 children open to the Child Sexual Exploitation Team. 35% were children looked after.

More than half of CSE incidents involve young people who had either been reported missing from home or care.

Most incidents of CSE involve perpetrators who were known by their victims.

Suspects and known perpetrators mainly ranged in age 25-29 years. All are male.

There were 113 CSE related crime incidents and 250 criminal investigations in Warwickshire.

This led to 23 CSE related prosecutions and 4 other cautions with CSE related crimes.

There were 25 Child Abduction Warning Notices, two Sexual Risk Orders and seven Sexual Harm Prevention Order issued.



Practice Approach

Our approach in Warwickshire is to ensure our children are at the heart to what we do.

A key strength is our combined approach between the statutory and voluntary sector. This enables a flexible approach to engagement with children, allowing us to consider which agency/practitioner is best placed to engage with children and their families.

Within the multi-agency child sexual exploitation, missing children and trafficking team we currently have the following staff roles:

Police Officers, Social Workers, Barnardos CSE Practitioners and Missing Children’s Practitioners.

They are supported by a Barnardos Community Engagement & Training Officer, police intelligence analyst, police missing & CSE coordinators and a business support officer.

New for 2017/18 will be a Barnardos Parenting Practitioner and we are seeking agreement for a CSE Health Practitioner and a multi-agency CSE coordinator.

Funding for the team comes from Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council and Barnardos. Demonstrating their is significant investment in tackling CSE in Warwickshire

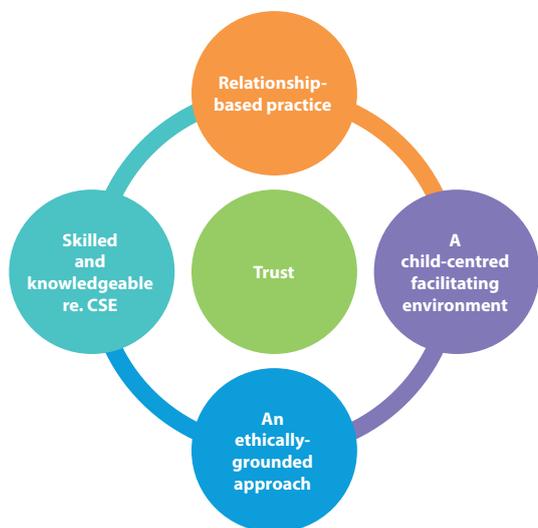
Developing a practice system which can effectively build around a child centred principle is vital. Building enduring relationships and listening to young people to enable them to trust professionals is key to our approach. Young people need stability, continuity and persistence. Therefore support needs to be flexible and highly intensive.

There is often a complex interplay of systems in addressing vulnerability, a core challenge in addressing

sexual exploitation in a multi-agency context is the need to hold the tension between children’s right to safety and protection and their right to participate in making decisions that affect them. It is important that the young person feels they have been heard and are part of the safety planning.

Children and young people need to be at the centre of our approach, to ensure a holistic response to their needs is provided. Practitioners are trained and supported to see

young people as individuals, to be transparent, recognise strengths and undertake relationship-based practice, partnered effectively with parents and other agencies. Adolescents are sometimes mistakenly seen as more resilient and research is clear they may be more likely to be blamed for contributing to and exacerbating risk. This fails to account for the interconnected nature of adolescent vulnerability and that young people are groomed and do not have choice to the power imbalance.



Intervention with young people needs to be trauma and abuse informed. Work usually takes longer as trauma may be the root cause of young people’s health, mental health or behaviour problems. Practitioners need to take a strength based approach to focus on building resilience alongside reducing risk.

The next step is to move from the quality of process and systems to the quality of outcomes.

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Governance and Partnership Working

A key activity over the last half of the year has been to review the governance and partnership working. Warwickshire's Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) is the accountable body for the strategy and action plan which supports and influences work across Warwickshire to safeguard children who are victims or at risk of CSE, children missing from home, school and care and child trafficking.

The Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board will hold partner agencies to account for their own agencies plan and actions, for assuring good practice and for monitoring the effectiveness of services. It holds all partners to account in Warwickshire.



WSCB Child Sexual Exploitation, Missing & Trafficking Sub Committee

This is the strategic sub group that drives the multi-agency strategy, develops and agrees the approach to commissioning multi-agency operating models and ensures the implementation and effectiveness of this strategy. It works closely with the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Board and reports directly to Warwickshire's Safeguarding Children Board.

WSCB Child Sexual Exploitation, Missing & Trafficking Operational Group

This is new operational group started in December 2016 and co-ordinates operational responses to high risk cases. The group ensures the service delivery, seeks to obtain and provide intelligence to identify patterns and trends. The group will consider those children at highest risk of repeat missing episodes and children at risk or who have experiences of child trafficking. This group will report to Warwickshire's Safeguarding Children Board Child Sexual Exploitation, Missing & Trafficking Sub Committee.

Any professional agency with a CSE issue can refer concerns, complex cases or ideas for service development to the operational group by emailing

childsexualexploitationteam@warwickshire.gcsx.gov.uk

Something's Not Right Campaign

In 2015, with support from Ed Sheeran (who agreed to us using his music to our video for free) we launched our Warwickshire Something's Not Right Campaign. Our website, www.warwickshirecse.co.uk has been the initial focus of an active and popular website and Social Media campaign to highlight child sexual exploitation.

The Something's Not Right campaign stand has been to every event in Warwickshire from University Fresher's Fayres, Domestic Violence Awareness Events, the Warwickshire MASH launch, Safeguarding Conferences, Leamington Peace Festival, Warwickshire Pride, Parents Evening's and many, many more. We have reached a wide range of professionals, volunteers and the public raising awareness of CSE in Warwickshire; providing information, advice and support.

We saw big leaps in social media engagement across Facebook and Twitter in 2016-17 with numbers of followers doubling and the reach of the campaign increasing due to this.

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 Current Twitter Followers: 1665

In 2016-2017 Twitter had over 181,000 impressions, which equates to 2,000 a day



<https://twitter.com/WarksCSE/status/835172774528303105>

Our most popular tweet took place when we linked in with See Me – Hear Me West Midlands to support the Public Transport Hubs campaign across the whole of the Midlands. Warwickshire joined CSE teams from all across the region to raise awareness of CSE in train and bus stations. Information was given to young people, parents and the public at Leamington, Nuneaton and Rugby train stations.

This one tweet reached 13,405 people.

In total over 20,000 people viewed our twitter page that week.

 Current Facebook Followers: 1394

On Facebook we have recently reached 18,000 people with a re-post of news about new grooming laws



<https://www.facebook.com/warwickshirecse/posts/1935041290058720>

CSE Awareness Day 2017



For 2017, Warwickshire CSE Team set all schools, youth groups and young people's services across Warwickshire a challenge for National CSE Awareness Day.

We challenged young people and staff to raise awareness of CSE in any way they like! It couldn't be easier! A popular choice was #HelpingHands. This was a brilliant way of spreading the word and setting pledges alongside CSE awareness and education. Schools and youth groups held events across their organisations with support from the CSE Team to raise awareness and education.

During CSE Awareness Day 2017, sponsored links from Warwickshire Police in conjunction with clever sharing of articles, photos, promotions and information for professionals have all helped to increase followers and popularity on Social Media. Between 10th March - 3rd April 2017 there were 29,680 direct links to the Something's Not Right website and the advertising campaign online is estimated to have reached 275,565 people.



Thank you for all your support!

Look out for CSE Awareness Day 2018!

Training and Development

Led by our Barnardos Community Engagement & Training Officer, more than 2,500 professionals have received free CSE training across Warwickshire to date.

Activity for 2016/2017 has included:

Half Day – CSE Awareness Training – 35 events took place

Full Day – Specialist or Targeted Training - 141 events took place

Schools and Colleges are able to receive targeted support and education around CSE and grooming. To date, more than 500 young people have received workshops across secondary schools from years 8 to 11 as part of PSHE Sessions and Health Day Events. PSHE Sessions and Health Day Events were delivered to over 200 young people in the last year. In addition many schools have engaged their whole workforce in CSE training

Warwickshire Safer Schools PCSO's (North and South) have all received in-depth CSE training and are delivering Barnardo's 'Real Love Rocks' lesson packages within their secondary schools put together by the Warwickshire CSE Team

18 Midlands Family Court Judges received CSE training in 2016 with Warwickshire judges and solicitors training due to take place in 2017

Judges training also led to a 1 hour speaker slot at the **Midlands Family Justice Board Conference** to almost **200 delegates** in March 2017

105 Warwickshire CID Detectives, Sergeants and Inspectors have all taken part in CSE training and support

69 West Mercia and Warwickshire Police Firearms and Traffic Officers received training

1400 taxi drivers across the county are taking part in training and awareness sessions and it is now mandatory for all drivers to attend CSE training in order to gain a licence. Only Rotherham and a few other counties nationwide have achieved this level of engagement and support with taxi drivers



All new Police Call Handlers across Warwickshire and West Mercia now receive CSE training and support with 39 receiving training in 2016/17

75 Warwickshire County Council Foster Carers have all received CSE training and support

125 Children's Centre and Family Support Staff from across the county have received CSE training and support

All 220 of Warwick District Council's Staff Teams from Carpark attendants, Rangers, Leisure Centre Staff, Licensing, CCTV Teams and Housing all the way up to the Council Chief Executive attended CSE workshops in 2016. More than 200 staff from Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council are due to have the same workshops in 2017

CSE full day safeguarding training and Barnardo's 'Real Love Rocks' resource training completed by **32 Warwickshire County Council Social Workers and Family Support Workers from North and South Warwickshire**

CSE full day safeguarding training has been delivered to 18 of Warwickshire's CAMHS service staff including Nurses, Therapists, Psychologists and Social Workers

All Student Police Officers in Warwickshire and West Mercia Police now receive CSE training as part of their 12 week initial training and **40 Police Cadets** all received CSE training and new intake to do same in 2017 -2018

21 Elected Members from Warwick District Council and Nuneaton and Bedworth District Council all attended CSE workshops

Parent's CSE awareness sessions at secondary schools including North Leamington, Higham Lane, Stratford High and Southam College

Pub and bar licensees received CSE training and support at quarterly meetings countywide alongside Police Licensing Officers

CSE Safeguarding training sessions were held which reached 75 staff and volunteers from across the voluntary and community groups



Crashing Workshop

In 2016 and 2017 Warwickshire's Safeguarding Children Board also ran a CSE Workshop for professionals called Crashing. This drama production highlighted sexual exploitation of boys and young men. 142 professionals from around the county attended the workshops. The feedback was really positive. The production is hard hitting but really highlights the importance of raising awareness that CSE can happen to boys and young men too.

Look out in 2017-2018 for the next Crashing Workshops which we hope will reach even more people!

For 2017-2018

In addition to more of the above training we want to also develop specific training around Missing Children and Child Trafficking.

Look out for this later this year.



Are your staff and volunteers fully CSE Trained?

To find out more about CSE Training please look at WSCB website at

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wscb
or contact our Barnardo's Project Worker Katy Shipley who leads our training offer by emailing **katy.shipley@barnardos.org.uk**

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Children & Young People Participation and Education

Warwickshire's CSE Youth Conference – March 2017

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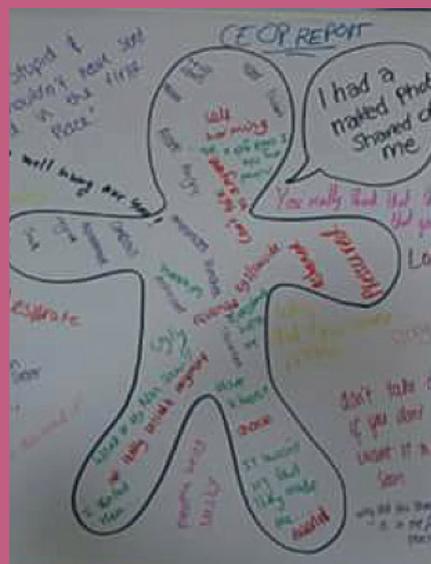
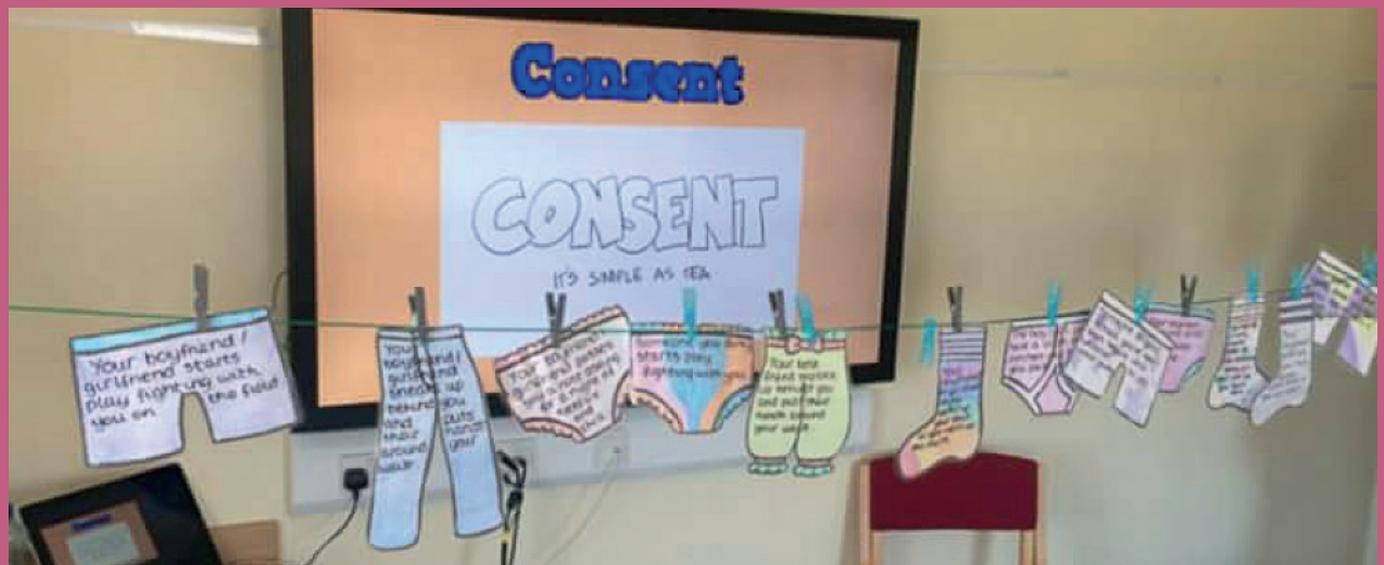
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Following the unprecedented success of our CSE Youth Conference in 2016, "Let's talk about sexting", we were able to undertake a second conference with funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The conference was in collaboration with Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council, Barnardo's, Warwickshire Youth Justice Service, Public Health and the Respect Yourself Youth Panel. We saw the biggest event of its kind in Warwickshire take place in February 2016.

15 schools attended with 120 young people and more than 30 staff and professionals on the day.

This year's theme was 'One Thing Always Leads To Another' and was taken from the Women and Equalities Report on Sexual Harassment in Schools (Sept 2016) For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2cl5jVO>



Police Youth Conference:

The first Warwickshire Police Youth Conference ran for two days in September and we engaged with **160 young people from 14-16 years of age** in CSE and grooming workshops across both days.

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Youth Groups

Youth groups have been crucial to reach young people who may not be accessing traditional education settings. Strong relationships have been built with the youth teams and sessions have been carried out with young people all across the county alongside the staff training.

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Further participation with young people and parents for 2017

For 2017-2018 we will again seek to build upon this work with another Youth Conference and we wish to develop a parent and young persons participation forum.

Key Future Priorities 2017-2018

- Continue to improve the victim experience. Starting with a review and update of CSE, Missing and Trafficking Strategy & Procedures.
- Establish a long term funding plan which includes funding for a CSE Co-ordinator.
- Strengthen our local intelligence and mapping, supported by a multi-agency performance data set. This will allow us to continually understand the local profile and provide dynamic risk assessments which address criminal activity.
- Strengthen support for parents and carers (particularly foster carers) around CSE and Missing children.
- Strengthen links with health, particularly a staff contribution from health to the Warwickshire CSE Team.
- Strengthen the support to boys to increase identification of CSE.
- Establish training for professionals about missing children and trafficking.
- Strengthen training and awareness of CSE within the "night-time economy" e.g. hotels, pubs, night clubs, fast food venues and within town centres.
- Strengthen and widen our use of CSE Champions across agencies, not just within Social Care
- Strengthen our links with neighbouring local authorities and resolve cross border issues.

Where to get support.

If you have been a victim of child sexual exploitation or are concerned about someone who is please contact us:

Warwickshire Child Sexual Exploitation, Missing and Trafficking Team

Telephone:
01926 684490 or 01926 742226

Website:
www.warwickshirecse.co.uk

Warwickshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

Telephone:
01926 414144

Website:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/MASH

Call the police on 101
(always call 999 in an emergency)

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We wish to thank everyone for supporting the campaign to stop child sexual exploitation. In particular to the children and young people who are victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and exploitation. Their strength and courage is inspiring.

Thank you for all agencies who continue to offer their proactive support particularly the Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Public Health Warwickshire and Warwickshire Licensing Committee.

A special mention must go to Temporary Detective Sergeant Kathryn Somerville for her tireless work, which has been recognised in this year's Queens Birthday Honours List, receiving the Queens Police Medal for her contribution to Child Sexual Exploitation.



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