



## EXPLOITATION SUBGROUP

### Terms of Reference

#### Purpose

The subgroup will provide strategic oversight on behalf of the Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership in relation to the protection of children and adults from harm as a result of *exploitation*.

*Exploitation* defined by the sub group will focus on adults and children being:

- Criminally exploited
- Sexually exploited
- Exploited through modern slavery
- Trafficked for purpose of exploitation

It will also focus on adults with *care and support needs*<sup>1</sup> experiencing or at risk of *financial abuse*<sup>2</sup> by a third party and focus on improving the partnership response to missing children due to the links between missing and exploitation.

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The subgroup will:

- Take responsibility for developing an Exploitation Strategy and Action Plan<sup>3</sup>
- Provide strategic oversight, scrutiny and direction for agencies providing services
- Contribute to the development and review of partnership policies, procedures and guidance on exploitation
- Work collaboratively with partners tackling exploitation to avoid duplication and ensure a joined-up approach to tackling all forms of exploitation
- Identify and address barriers to effective multi-agency working
- Challenge partner agencies to ensure robust and innovative services
- Monitor performance of services through collation and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data
- Contribute to the work of the Quality Learning and Improvement Hubs
- Work effectively with the other subgroups
- Be responsible for establishing time limited task groups to support delivery of Warwickshire Safeguarding's strategic priority focus on Exploitation
- Ensure the response to exploitation is trauma informed
- Ensure understanding / consideration of issues of diversity, including disability
- Be responsive to developments that may impact on ways of working on any of the partner members

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by Section 9 of the Care Act 2014

<sup>2</sup> As defined by Section 42 of the Care Act 2014

<sup>3</sup> There is a current Warwickshire Safeguarding Exploitation Strategy 2020-2023 and Action Plan



## **Task and Finish Groups**

- Will be governed by a clear set of principles which ensure alignment with the strategic priority and delivery of the above terms of reference
- Membership, duration and frequency of meetings and reporting arrangements will be agreed by the Exploitation Subgroup at the point of establishment

The subgroup will consider methods for identifying good practice and drive improvements in practice. The subgroup will ensure there are opportunities for service users and their carers to contribute to the development of partnership policies.

## **Frequency of meetings**

The subgroup will meet every three months.

All meetings will be supported by the Warwickshire Safeguarding Business Team and a record of meetings will be maintained and published on the website.

## **Chairing of the Subgroup and Quoracy**

The Warwickshire Safeguarding Executive Board (WSEB) will appoint a Chair and Vice Chair for the subgroup.

To be quorate either the Chair or Vice Chair must be in attendance and there should be a representative from Warwickshire County Council, NHS providers and the Police (which may include the Chair and/or Vice Chair).

## **Membership**

Membership includes representation from: -

- Warwickshire County Council
  - Children's Social Care
  - Social Care and Support (Safeguarding Team)
  - Youth Justice Service
  - Education ( Headteacher Coach Early Help and Targeted Support Team)
  - Strategy and Commissioning
  - Serious Organised Crime Joint Action Group
- District & Borough Council Safeguarding Leads
- Warwickshire Police
- Health (Integrated Care System)
- Probation



- Warwickshire Fire & Rescue

\*Other partners will be invited to attend as appropriate.

Representatives will need to be people with a strategic role in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of child/adults within their organisation. They should be able to:

- Speak for their organisation with authority;
- Commit their organisation on policy and practice matters;
- Hold their organisation to account.

In the event that their representative is unable to attend meetings, members are required to nominate a suitable alternative representative who has the authority to commit their organisation to decisions.

### Reporting structure

The Exploitation Subgroup will report to WSEB on the progress of their work against the strategic priority and escalate any issues arising from the Subgroup's work which require immediate attention.

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