

Theme 1: Increasing Awareness and Building Confidence and Capability

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1.1	Agree a definition and accompanying narrative for Child Criminal Exploitation, in the context of a continuum of child exploitation and abuse, and ensure relevant strategies, policies, procedures and guidance are updated accordingly. A child and young person friendly version of the definition and associated materials will also be developed.
1.2	Develop and implement a trauma-informed multi-agency CCE awareness-raising and training programme for a range of front-line practitioners and their managers.
1.3	In line with the draft three-year Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT) Strategy, increase awareness of the offences as they relate to children in the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 and in the case of a child, whether it is in the child's best interests to make a referral into National Referral Mechanism (NRM).
1.4	Agree a CCE data development agenda under the auspices of CPSOG, to ensure all relevant agencies and partners collect, collate and share information to help create and sustain a shared understanding of the nature and scale of child criminal exploitation in Northern Ireland. In line with the data development agenda, identify areas for research and evaluation.
1.5	Develop and implement a public information/awareness raising programme to support children and young people, and parents and carers to recognise the signs and indicators of CCE and how to access support/ report concerns. A gender conscious approach will be adopted as appropriate. Consideration will also be given to how the programme can effectively challenge community norms and narratives which facilitate and sustain the enduring presence of violence in communities.
1.6	The findings/recommendations of future reviews/inspections relating to child exploitation are considered in full under CPSOG governance arrangements and inform the implementation of the Task and Finish Group recommendations as appropriate.

Theme 2: Prevent harm and abuse to children and young people

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2.1	<p>Reconfigure the Child Sexual Exploitation Sub Group of the Safeguarding Board (SBNI) to become the Child Exploitation Sub Group to ensure that all forms of child exploitation and the connections between them are fully recognised and appropriately addressed.</p>
2.2	<p>Ensure policy, strategy and guidance enables and supports joint/multi-agency working to protect children from all forms of exploitation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subject to decision-making of the Multi-Agency Support Hub Steering Group on whether children and young people are included within the scope of Multi-Agency Support Hubs across Northern Ireland, engage with the Steering Group in consultation with the Multi-Agency Support Hub Chairs, to explore the potential for Multi-Agency Support Hubs to contribute, in the longer term, to the overall prevention response to CCE, as part of a wider programme of work. This exploration should also be informed by the evaluation of the EPPOC funded Mid & East Antrim pilot, to determine whether there is the potential for that or a similar mechanism to be part of the system wide response to CCE.• Examine the effectiveness of existing Trust-led family support services to respond to extra-familial risk of exploitation/harm to determine whether they can be scaled up/rolled out;• Ensure that children and young people are supported to critically engage with sensitive issues such as violence and CCE, in line with the findings of research with children and young people;• Consider a gender conscious approach to developments in policy and practice;• Establish clear practice guidelines and training to enhance information sharing; ensuring that both address CCE and facilitate and promote the timely sharing of information across and between relevant agencies to protect children and young people.

Theme 3: Protect and Intervene where children are abused and exploited

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3.1	<p>Make any enhancements necessary to existing multi-agency Child Protection arrangements (health, social services, education, local councils, Housing Executive, YJA, PPS, PSNI, SBNI etc.), to ensure that, from a safeguarding perspective, the criminal exploitation of children is recognised and addressed using a trauma-informed, multi-agency approach to reduce vulnerability and support victims and their families, alongside the pursuit of those involved in exploiting children and young people.</p>
3.2	<p>Develop a Child Exploitation risk assessment toolkit and guidance for practitioners, building on the existing CSE toolkit, which clearly identifies risk factors for all forms of exploitation, (including but not limited to: absence from mainstream education, school exclusion, missing episodes from residential care, children deemed at risk of exploitation); recognises and explains the complexity of CCE, including the tension between the need to address vulnerability alongside potentially criminal behaviour; makes the connection with other forms of exploitation; and acknowledges that parents can be part of the protection response.</p>
3.3	<p>Develop and introduce a training programme for front-line practitioners to underpin the guidance at 3.2.</p>

Theme 4: Pursue those who seek to harm, abuse and exploit children

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4.1	In developing the Child Exploitation Toolkit, clearly set out the existing powers available to all relevant agencies to tackle child exploitation, improve tactical responses, and share relevant locality information to help deter, detect and disrupt all forms of child exploitation.
4.2	Maximise existing modern slavery and trafficking legislation to prosecute those who exploit children, and where appropriate confiscate the criminal assets of perpetrators to help to undermine the economic motivation that fuels the exploitation of children.
4.3	When available and subject to the legislative process, utilise the proposed new offences for 'directing' and 'participating in' organised crime, where relevant to child exploitation.
4.4	Explore the utility of a network mapping exercise, trialling in one geographical area, which identifies, on a locality basis, actual and potential perpetrators of child exploitation, young people experiencing or at risk of exploitation as part of the system response to prevent CCE and to inform proactive policing and the prosecution of those responsible.