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Subject: CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Social Care Committee on the progress in relation to the work of the Child Sexual Exploitation Strategic group.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Scottish Government published *Scotland's National Action Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Exploitation* in November 2014. This action plan reflected the issues raised in the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee inquiry into CSE and sets out 41 actions for Scottish Government, Child Protection Committees, third sector organisations and the Care Inspectorate.
- 2.2 Inverclyde Child Protection Committee (CPC) monitors national developments and has taken forward a proactive approach through the CSE strategic Working Group which was established in April 2015. The CSE strategic Working Group has developed and continues to progress an Inverclyde wide work plan based around core themes of: Prevention, Invention, Recovery and Disruption.
- 2.3 The CSE Working Group finalised its work plan in April 2015 and developments to date include:
- Devised and delivered a series of staff training including foster carers and kinship carers. Further plans for training for the night time economy is planned.
 - Locally developed CSE public awareness campaign to complement the National campaign.
 - CPC annual conference planned for 2016 will be on the theme of CSE, key note speakers have been identified for the conference.
 - National /Local developments for education for young people.
 - Established a local multiagency CSE operational group.
 - Mapping of recovery services available across Inverclyde & GGC referral pathways; types of support services and identified gaps to assist in the support provided to young people at the right time.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Health and Social Care Committee

1. Notes the on-going work of the Child Protection Committee and the Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group and the success of the local delivery of the local action plan and the range of on-going work across a wide range of organisations.
2. Receives regular updates on progress on the work to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation by the Child Protection Committee and Child Sexual Exploitation Strategic Working Group.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

Child Sexual Exploitation has been a key priority for Inverclyde's Child Protection Committee. In April 2015 the committee agreed to take forward a proactive approach to tackling Child Sexual Exploitation locally through a comprehensive multiagency action plan. In April 2015 the Child Sexual Exploitation Strategic Group was established and has been progressing aspects of the action plan. Core areas of the action plan are centred on the various themes associated with CSE strategy: Prevention, Intervention, Recovery and Disruption.

4.1 Prevention

The group has developed Staff training based on the Barnardos training material and successfully delivered a series of initial training programmes to staff across Inverclyde. In addition to staff training, Barnardos Scotland was asked to design and deliver 3 specific briefings for carers including Kinship Carers, Permanent Carers and Foster Carers on behalf of Inverclyde's Child Protection Sexual Exploitation Strategic Group.

4.1.2 Child Sexual Exploitation will be the theme for Inverclyde Child Protection Committee's annual conference in Feb 2016; this will also coincide with the national and local awareness campaign. This will be a two stage campaign, with the initial phase promoting the national campaign across Inverclyde and the local campaign highlighting the risks of CSE beyond online / mobile phone risks which are the focus of the national campaign.

4.1.3 The Scottish Government campaign is a four week marketing campaign from 28 January 2015 to raise awareness of what child sexual exploitation (CSE) is, improve public understanding and empower those with concerns to act upon them. The national campaign will comprise a new TV advert supported by outdoor and digital advertising, a new website and PR activity.

4.1.4 The main campaign messages are:

- Child sexual exploitation is happening to girls and boys across Scotland.
- It takes many forms and can happen online as well as offline.
- It can take place on a one to one basis between a victim and an offender as well as in organised groups.
- It can happen to young people from secure, loving homes as well as more vulnerable young people such as those in care.
- We all have a role to play in helping to keep young people in Scotland safe.

4.1.5 In addition to the enhancement of the preventative strategy, discussions are underway with Education Scotland to adopt the NHSGGC healthy relationships curriculum pack anticipated nationally and this will include an update to include more on CSE. Inverclyde will provide support to the developments at a national level to incorporate Child Sexual Exploitation into the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) peer education project.

4.1.6 Inverclyde's action plan includes the targeting of the night time economy; much work has been done nationally on trying to understand the impact of the night time economy on prevention of potential signs of child sexual exploitation. The Night Time Economy (NTE) is a complex issue to tackle as it involves a broad range of agencies to deal with the impact on personal safety and health & wellbeing.

The subgroup of the strategic group will explore the options for this work based on learning from pilot projects in other areas.

4.2 Intervention

Under the direction and governance of the CSE strategic group, a proposal was agreed and recently operationalised to implement an Inverclyde Vulnerable Young Persons Operational Group.

4.2.1 The purpose of the Group is to:

- Identify those who are of heightened concern due to missing episodes and/or who are at risk of being sexually exploited or exploited in any other way.
- Address the risks associated with victims, perpetrators and locations by proactive problem solving
- Work collaboratively to ensure the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people who are of heightened concern due to missing episodes and/or who are being or are at risk of being sexually exploited or exploited in any other way.
- Consider the current risk assessment and plan for any identified young person
- Develop a shared picture of intelligence on all threats
- Provide early intervention to reduce the harm posed to young people
- Ensure relevant and timely access for young people to appropriate supports including health services.

4.2.2 The Group has been established on a partnership basis and is victim focused. It will not however duplicate or replace the functions of statutory child protection or child in need processes in relation to individual children. The group has recently formed, and to date discussed a small number of cases where CSE risk factors have been identified.

4.3 **Recovery**

Work around this area has mainly focused on developing a support document for workers that incorporates a pathway flowchart, outlining of levels of support and the mapping of local services. The pathway flowchart is being reviewed by the strategic group to ensure it reflects best practice and local GIRFEC and IRD processes.

4.4 **Disruption**

Local Police developments around diversion and prosecution will include a tactical plan produced by Police Hub at Renfrewshire. This has been approved by the CSE Strategic group.

5.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

FINANCE

5.1 Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments

LEGAL

- 5.2 This report outlines the implications of the legislative requirements in respect of Child Sexual Exploitation contained within the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 5.3 There are no human resources issues within this report.

EQUALITIES

- 5.4 There are no equality issues within this report.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
√	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

REPOPULATION

- 5.5 There are no repopulation issues within this report.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This report has been prepared by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) after due consultation with the Inverclyde Child Protection Committee.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.