

**Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board**  
**Child Sexual Exploitation**  
**Strategy**



**Appendix 1 – Key References**

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## Introduction

The MKSCB established a Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) task and finish group in March 2013, which has been meeting on a regular basis since its formation. The group had a number of key tasks to complete – conducting a scoping/mapping exercise, developing a MKSCB strategy and action plan, and raising awareness. In January 2015 the MKSCB CSE Task & Finish Group became a formal MKSCB sub-group.

The task and finish group completed a scoping exercise to assess the level of understanding and awareness of CSE amongst the children's workforce in Milton Keynes. This was carried out in three phases between November 2013 and April 2014 and included statutory sector agencies (via MKSCB members), front-line practitioners attending the MKSCB annual conference in November 2013, and schools.

The scoping exercise identified the need for a resource that would assist workers in all agencies in identifying and referring children and young people thought to be at risk of, or being abused through sexual exploitation.

The MKSCB CSE task and finish group developed a screening tool, which was widely disseminated in July 2014. The screening tool was revised in March 2015. The updated screening tool can be downloaded from the MKSCB website:  
<http://www.mkscb.org/mkscb-professionalsandvolunteers/displayarticle.asp?ID=93551>

CSE information leaflets developed by Thames Valley Police have been widely distributed by the MKSCB, and were included in the handout packs at the 2013 and the 2014 MKSCB annual conferences.

The 2015 – 2016 MKSCB multi-agency training programme includes CSE awareness-raising briefing sessions and train-the-trainer events whose aim is to support trainers to gain the skills that are required to deliver the MKSCB Child Sexual Exploitation model course. Agency attendance is monitored and reported to managers.

Multi-Agency Risk Management (MARMM)/Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment meetings have been taking place in Milton Keynes since September 2013 and continue to run monthly. The meetings consider individual young people about whom there are specific concerns in relation to child sexual exploitation and missing episodes and aggregate information to identify patterns of concern e.g. perpetrators and geographical locations.

Milton Keynes Children Social Care (CSC) has developed a pilot intensive intervention, which can be referred to via the MARMM, which began working with young people in Milton Keynes in March 2015. CSC has also established 3 locality 'mini MARMMs' based at their early help Children and Families Practices (CFPs), in the South, North and Central Milton Keynes.

This MKSCB CSE Strategy and Action Plan has been a working document since it was first drafted in April 2014, and as such many of the original actions have been completed. Those actions are included in this version of the Strategy and Action Plan to provide a summary of work completed to date. Appendix 1 includes a summary of more detailed actions completed, underway or planned by MKSCB partner Agencies.

## **MKSCB STRATEGY**

### **Child Sexual Exploitation – Definition**

Sexual exploitation of children and young people under 18 involves exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where young people (or a third person or persons) receive “something” (e.g. food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of them performing, and/or another or others performing on them, sexual activities. Child sexual exploitation can occur through use of technology without the child’s immediate recognition, for example the persuasion to post sexual images on the internet/mobile phones with no immediate payment or gain.

In all cases, those exploiting the child/young person have power over them by virtue of their age, gender, intellect, physical strength and/or economic or other resources. Violence, coercion and intimidation are common, involvement in exploitative relationships being characterised in the main by the child or young person’s limited availability of choice resulting from their social/economic and/or emotional vulnerability

**This definition of child sexual exploitation was created by the UK National Working Group for Sexually Exploited Children and Young People (NWG) and is used in statutory guidance for England**

### **Child Sexual Exploitation is a MKSCB Priority (MKSCB Business Plans 14/15 - 15-16)**

Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board (MKSCB) has identified tackling the sexual exploitation of children as a key strategic priority. Child sexual exploitation is child abuse and is completely unacceptable. The MKSCB is committed to combating the sexual exploitation of children through effective and co-ordinated multi-agency collaborative working protecting potential victims, disrupting perpetrators, supporting victims and prosecuting perpetrators.

It is a collective multi-agency responsibility to identify those children at risk of sexual exploitation, and safeguard them from further risk of harm. It is also a joint responsibility to prevent children becoming victims of this form of abuse.

The impact of child sexual exploitation (CSE) on a child or young person can be profound long-term effects upon their relationships with family, carers and friends, beyond childhood and into adulthood.

One of the common features of CSE is that the child does not recognise the coercive nature of the relationship and does not see her/himself as a victim of exploitation.

MKSCB works collaboratively with other key partnership groups including the Children & Families Partnership, Safer MK, Adult Safeguarding Board and the Health & Wellbeing Board to prevent CSE, protect children at risk, or experiencing CSE and to pursue the prosecution and disruption of perpetrators of CSE.

Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board works collaboratively with partner agencies and key partnerships such as the Children and Families Partnership, Safer MK, and the Health & Wellbeing Board to:

1. Work together to protect children from child sexual exploitation.
2. Ensure agencies have a shared effective understanding of the level of child sexual exploitation, victims, offenders, locations and circumstances where children are particularly at risk within Milton Keynes.
3. Adopt an effective co-ordinated multi-agency approach to tackling child sexual exploitation.
4. Raise public and professional awareness in Milton Keynes of child sexual exploitation and its effects.
5. Offer, promote and ensure child sexual exploitation training is available to those who work in Milton Keynes, and provide reports on agency attendance.
6. Monitor and evaluate the impact of multi-agency and single-agency CSE training in Milton Keynes.
7. Ensure agencies are working together effectively to identify and deal with the perpetrators of child sexual exploitation.
8. Hold MKSCB agencies to account to ensure appropriate support services are available to victims of child sexual exploitation.
9. Recognise and reflect the vital role parents and carers play in protecting children at risk of sexual exploitation and the need to provide them with direct information and support

10. Recognise the unique ability of voluntary organisation in building relationships with young people and their families and building bridges between them and statutory services
11. MKSCB to provide support to essential agencies and work together effectively to support victims of CSE and minimise the impact on their later lives

### **Key Strategic Priorities and Terms of Reference 2014 – 2016**

1. Receive and challenge information about the prevalence and forms of child sexual exploitation in Milton Keynes and understand emerging themes
2. Raise awareness of CSE with professionals and the wider communities of Milton Keynes including children and young people
3. Monitor and evaluate the co-ordinated multi-agency and single agency response to CSE
4. Monitor and evaluate the support available for victims of CSE, so that there is help available to children experiencing child sexual exploitation
5. Seek assurance that agencies are disrupting potential perpetrators and CSE offenders are identified and dealt with
6. Ensure Milton Keynes schools and other education providers are equipped to intervene with victims and potential perpetrators of CSE and are engaging with this CSE Strategy

### **Governance**

MKSCB recognises and accepts the pivotal role it has to play in tackling child sexual exploitation and will as part of its governance processes undertake the following:

- The MKSCB has a dedicated multi-agency CSE sub-group throughout 2014 – 2016.
- The Independent Chair of the MKSCB will ensure that the issue of child sexual exploitation and the progress of the MKSCB CSE action plan is the subject of regular reports to the MKSCB.
- This strategy and accompanying action plan will be regularly reviewed and reported annually via the MKSCB annual report and reported to the Milton Keynes Local Authority Chief Executive, Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership and the Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner

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