

SCRUTINY INQUIRY SCOPING DOCUMENT

Title	A scrutiny inquiry to assess progress in protecting children from sexual exploitation in Neath Port Talbot
Reasons for undertaking Inquiry	Members of the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee have received several reports on Safeguarding and had asked for an inquiry to be undertaken to ensure there are effective steps being taken to protect children from sexual exploitation in Neath Port Talbot.
Key Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does Neath Port Talbot assess itself in protecting children from sexual exploitation? • Are improvements required, if so, how are they going to be implemented? • What arrangements are in place in Neath Port Talbot to address child sexual exploitation? • What monitoring processes are in place? • Do Elected Members receive appropriate information and training?
Intended Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Members to have a clear understanding of the arrangements in place in Neath Port Talbot in protecting children from sexual exploitation. • The Children and Young People Education Scrutiny Committee to have assurance that there are effective multiagency arrangements in place across Neath Port Talbot. • To establish what monitoring information and training Elected Members should receive. • Any recommendations from the Inquiry to be made to the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board.
Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Inspection of Safeguarding and Care Planning of Looked After Children and Care Leavers who exhibit vulnerable or risky behaviours (CSSIW, Jan 2015) • University of Bedfordshire ‘Self-Assessment tool’ to assess progress in protecting children from sexual exploitation • Welsh Government – Safeguarding Children and Young People from Sexual Exploitation Supplementary Guidance to Safeguarding Children (January 2011) • Internal Audit – Safeguarding Children – Children who go missing and children at risk of sexual exploitation • Presentation on Safeguarding Children and Families in Neath Port Talbot to the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet Board on 12th February 2015.

Appendix 1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Wales protocol – Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who are at risk of abuse through sexual exploitation.
Member Involvement	<p>Members of CYPE Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>4 Labour Members</p> <p>1 Plaid Cymru Member</p> <p>1 Independent Member</p>
Officer Support	<p>Catherine Gadd – Democratic Services</p> <p>Laura Kinsey – Children and Young People Services</p>
List of potential key officers, stakeholders, partners or other agencies to involve	<p><u>Internal</u></p> <p>Children and Young People Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Social Services, Health and Housing and Chair of the Western Bay Safeguarding Children Board Head of Children and Young People Services Principal Officer for Safeguarding Quality Assurance and Independent Reviewing <p>Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Participation Transformation Manager Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Officer <p>Human Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and Development Officer (Children’s Services) <p><u>External</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Wales Police AMBU Health Board Western Bay Youth Offending Team Manager Barnardo’s – SERAF Project NPT CVS
Timeframe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18th June 2015 (date subject to approval at the annual meeting) - Children, Young People and Education (CYPE) Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet Board to receive the completed University of Bedfordshire ‘Self- Assessment tool’ to assess progress in protecting children from sexual for Neath Port Talbot. Scrutiny inquiry to be held on Tuesday 30th June 2015. Recommendations to be reported to CYPE. Progress against the ‘Self-Assessment tool to be reported back to CYPE in December 2015.