



**WESTERN BAY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD
POLICY PROCEDURE & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT GROUP
REPORT:**

**CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION RISK ASSESSMENT AND
POSITION PAPER**

BACKGROUND:

Child Sexual Exploitation(CSE) has been a strategic priority for the WBSCB since its establishment in 2013 with a position statement and gap analysis produced against the Home Office Enquiry into CSE delivered in November 2013. By November 2014 individual Board members had signed up to the Bedfordshire Self Assessment Tool for CSE and had agreed to use the tool to manage compliance and improve responses to CSE locally.

Throughout 2015 a CSE strategy task and finish group was set up to collate individual agency responses to the Bedfordshire Self Assessment in attempts to identify shared gaps as well as share good practice areas. The Task and finish group was also set up to address the requirements within the WBSCB business plan to develop a prevention and intervention strategy to tackle CSE. The collated Bedfordshire tool was completed and from the 38 standards within the tool 10 areas were identified as “partially achieved” or “yet to be addressed”. These standards have been developed into a table which identifies the multi agency response on behalf of the Board and includes recommendations for action and/or decision by the Board. The standards have also been given a RAG status to assist Board members to consider the level of risk associated with each.

This report requests that Board considers the recommendations for action/decision:

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WBSCB response to Bedfordshire Assessment Toolkit and Recommendations for Action or Decision

Standard Number	Standard	WBSCB Response	Recommendation for Action/Decision	RAG status
1	All practitioners working with children and young people have the requisite skills and knowledge to safeguard children and young people from sexual exploitation	Training at different levels is being provided on a rolling basis across agencies. CSE awareness raising training was disseminated throughout 2015 on behalf of the WBSCB but resources limited. Majority of staff are trained however staff turnover must be factored into reporting. The Board cannot be assured that ALL practitioners have the skills and knowledge without a thorough needs analysis.	A coordinated CSE training plan is required to achieve this – actions in the plan might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual agency Employee training needs analysis • Analysis of training data to identify employees that have not attended CSE training • Create a commitment to retraining every 2 years • Provide regular relevant links to reliable research staff 	GREEN
2	Through training and awareness raising, all local practitioners working with children and young people are aware of the risk factors, including local factors, for child sexual exploitation	As above but will need to feed in local factors to local training.	The use of local MASE meetings (multi agency sexual exploitation) to scrutinise data collected for Board reporting to allow identification of local prevalence. A CSE training calendar may need to be established.	GREEN

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3	There is a programme in place to raise awareness with parents and carers	There have been ad hoc pieces of public awareness raising however there is no current coordinated approach.	A CSE communication strategy would address a coordinated approach to public awareness raising.	AMBER
4	The community is aware of the risks of child sexual exploitation and where to report concerns locally	As above	As above	AMBER
5.	Preventative work is regularly delivered with children and young people at particular risk, and with their parents/carers. There is a programme in place to raise awareness of CSE with children and Young People.	There have been previous areas of good practice throughout schools in one LA area which was recommended as roll out across the other LAs. This did not happen due to resource issues and notification from WG of a planned consistent approach to delivering awareness in schools.	A wider preventative programme to raise awareness of CSE could be incorporated into a CSE prevention strategy – see below.	RED
6	Preventative strategies are delivered in a way that is accessible to young people and their families, regardless of gender and community	There is no preventative strategy in place across Western Bay	The All Wales Guidance requires all SCBs to have a preventative strategy to address CSE indicators and prevent children from becoming sexually exploited.	RED
7	Children and young people attend strategy meetings and care pathways are discussed and explained	This is not consistent with the All Wales guidance. Young People do not routinely attend strategy meetings however they are kept informed and can be involved in their own SERAF scoring.	The WBSCB needs to decide whether it is satisfied to carry this risk as the standard does not feature in Welsh guidance OR require the PPPMG to develop local procedures in line with national guidance which allows inclusion of young people at strategy meetings	GREEN

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8	Parents and carers attend strategy meetings and care pathways are discussed and explained	This is not consistent with the All Wales guidance. Parents and Carers do not routinely attend strategy meetings however they are kept informed and can be involved in their own SERAF scoring.	The WBSCB needs to decide whether it is satisfied to carry this risk as the standard does not feature in Welsh guidance OR require the PPPMG to develop local procedures in line with national guidance which allows inclusion of Parents and Carers at strategy meetings	GREEN
9	Feedback from service users is taken into account in the development/review of those services	Individual agencies use service user feedback to inform different parts of service provision and development. The WBSCB does not have a coordinated approach to access service user feedback.	WBSCB to consider how feedback from service users would be accessed and used to inform work on CSE possibly with a focus on development of a prevention strategy.	AMBER
10	The LSCB contributes to a national snapshot to be coordinated annually by CEOP	The WBSCB has never been approached to provide information which contributes to a national snapshot for CEOP		GREEN