

Summary Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2020-2025

Introduction

This document summarises South Ayrshire's Sexual Exploitation Strategy for the period 2020 to 2025. It sets out the key strategic priorities and the desire of the Health and Social Care Partnership, and its partners, to achieve these.

What is Sexual Exploitation?

In 2016, the national definition of child sexual exploitation¹ (CSE) for Scotland was defined as:

*“a form of child sexual abuse in which a person(s), of any age, takes advantage of a power imbalance to force or entice a child into engaging in sexual activity **in return for something** received by the child and/or those perpetrating or facilitating the abuse. As with other forms of child sexual abuse, the presence of perceived consent does not undermine the abusive nature of the act.”*

The national definition clearly defines child sexual exploitation and does not reference vulnerable adults. However, the same definition would apply when sexual exploitation takes place to a vulnerable adult as it is a form of sexual abuse in which a person takes advantage of a power imbalance to force or entice a vulnerable adult into sexual activity in return for something.

¹ Scottish Government (2016) Child Sexual Exploitation Definition and Practitioner Briefing Paper
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00508563.pdf>

Current Picture

The Sexual Exploitation Joint Action Group is a sub-group of the South Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership to improve the response to sexual exploitation. The Sexual Exploitation Joint Action Group provides update reports to each Child Protection Committee and Adult Protection Committee which takes place on a quarterly basis.

The Sexual Exploitation Joint Action Group is currently working on an action plan based on four key areas of focus:

1. Children, young people and adults at risk
2. Staff
3. Communities
4. Support

The Joint Action Group is a multi-agency group made up of partners from:

- Education
- Social Work
- Community Learning and Development
- Housing
- Community Safety
- Police Scotland
- NHS Ayrshire and Arran
- Moving On Ayrshire
- South Ayrshire Women's Aid

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Strategic Priorities

In line with the [National Action Plan to Prevent and Tackle Child Sexual Exploitation Update²](#), the Sexual Exploitation Joint Action Group has agreed that this strategy is working towards the same strategic priorities and including vulnerable adults:

1. The risk that children, young people and vulnerable adults are exploited is reduced through a focus on prevention and early identification.

The actions that will be taken to achieve this priority include:

- Education and awareness raising programmes aimed at reducing the risk of exploitation and abuse will be delivered to children and young people in early years settings, primary schools and secondary schools.
- Identify improvement activity in relation to sexual exploitation in the Child Protection Improvement Plan being taken forward by Children and Families Social Work Services.
- Raise awareness and understanding of sexual exploitation with sports clubs, youth groups, churches

² Scottish Government (2016) Scotland's National Action Plan to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation Update
<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/strategy-plan/2016/03/scotlands-national-action-plan-prevent-tackle-child-sexual-exploitation-update/documents/00497283-pdf/00497283-pdf/govscot%3Adocument/00497283.pdf>

and faith organisations, LGBT communities and organisations supporting children with disabilities.

- Ensure guidance on adult sexual exploitation is widely circulate across partner agencies

2. Children, young people and vulnerable adults at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation and their families receive appropriate and high quality support.

The actions that will be taken to achieve this priority include:

- Children, young people and vulnerable adults can access abuse recovery services when they need them.
- Sexual exploitation education and awareness raising programmes will be delivered to parents and carers, local community groups and other business economies.
- Develop 'significant event' screening groups to analyse trends and plan to reduce risk to vulnerable groups.
- Work with partners to develop clear pathways for accessing support services for those who have been sexually exploited.

3. Perpetrators are stopped, brought to justice and less likely to re-offend.

The actions that will be taken to achieve this priority include:

- Develop guidance to inform partners of support available via, for example, Appropriate Adult scheme, Victim Support, Witness Support, to facilitate perpetrators being brought to justice.

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- Identify a mechanism on gathering and providing intelligence where there are concerns in the community.

4. Cultural and social barriers to preventing and tackling sexual exploitation are reduced.

The actions that will be taken to achieve this priority include:

- Ensure that strategy documents relating to children, young people and vulnerable adults consider the prevention and impact of sexual exploitation.
- Taking a whole school approach to gender equality by using the Gender 10 toolkit.

Next Steps

Once the Strategy is approved by the Integration Joint Board, the Sexual Exploitation Strategy Implementation Group will take forward the Implementation Plan. Reports on the progress made to deliver the strategy will be presented to the HSCP Performance and Audit Committee, the Child Protection and Adult Protection Committees and the Violence Against Women Partnership on a quarterly basis.

A Performance Framework will be used to collect data which will support the implementation of the strategy and demonstrate the progress that is being made.

This information can be made available, on request, in braille, large print or audio formats and can be translated into a range of languages. Contact details are provided below.

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