

Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2020 - 2025

Developed by the Sexual Exploitation Joint Action Group

end violence against
women & children
south ayrshire multi agency partnership



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.

To ensure the Strategy was inclusive, the Sexual Exploitation Joint Action Group ensured the strategy applied to children, young people and vulnerable adults.

What is Sexual Exploitation?

In 2016, the national definition of child sexual exploitation[1] (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 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.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1

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

2

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

3

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

4

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

Consultation & Engagement

This strategy is based on evidence that was gathered in a number of ways:



A public consultation



A staff consultation

Champions for Change
SOUTH AYRSHIRE CHAMPIONS BOARD

Focus Groups held by South Ayrshire Champions for Change



Review of national and local policies



Equality Impact Assessment



Children's Rights Impact Assessment

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

Click on the following link to read the Sexual Exploitation Strategy:

<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/health-social-care-partnership/strategy.aspx>

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