

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Performance & Audit Committee
Held on	14th May 2021
Agenda Item:	7
Title:	Progress report on the Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2020-2025
Summary:	
<p>The purpose of this report is to provide the Performance and Audit Committee with an update on the progress of the implementation plan (Appendix 1) of the Sexual Exploitation Strategy which covers the period 2020-2025.</p>	
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Recommendations:	
<p>It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the significant progress made in delivering the strategy. ii. Provide comment on future delivery of the strategy. 	
Route to meeting:	
<p>Routine progress report to Performance and Audit Committee of strategies approved by the Integration Joint Board.</p>	
Implications:	
Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
HR	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

Progress report on the Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2020-2025

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Performance and Audit Committee with an update on the progress of the implementation plan of the Sexual Exploitation Strategy which covers the period 2020-2025.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 **It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board**

- i. **Note the significant progress made in delivering the strategy**
- ii. **Provide comment on future delivery of the strategy.**








3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The [Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2020-2025](#), approved by the Integration Joint Board at its meeting on [16th September 2020](#), contained an Implementation Plan designed to take forward the Strategy as defined through its Strategic Objectives, which in turn have been framed to deliver national and local outcomes.
- 3.2 The attached update of the Implementation Plan ([Appendix 1](#)) produced through the Pentana Management System provides an update on each individual action as of 7th May 2021.
- 3.3 In line with the [National Action Plan to Prevent and Tackle Child Sexual Exploitation Update](#), the Sexual Exploitation Strategy works towards the same strategic priorities and includes vulnerable adults:
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.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Performance and Audit Committee considers the progress which has been made against the agenda set out in the Sexual Exploitation Strategy.

4.2

Status	Number
 Completed	2
 Fully operational	2
 On hold	2
 On target	34
 Showing some concerns	0
 Not on target	0
 Not due to start	12

4.3 Each action within the Implementation Plan supports the delivery of one of the four Strategic Priorities with overlap on occasion. A brief summary of progress against each of the Strategic Outcomes is provided below:

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

4.4 Education and awareness raising programmes aimed at reducing the risk of exploitation and abuse continue to be delivered to children and young people in early years settings, primary schools and secondary schools, this programme is ongoing and will continue at all levels.

4.5 Person-centred 'Keeping Safe Plans' are in place for all young people in residential care. Focused work is taking place with young people who require this level of support in terms of keeping safe online and sexual exploitation.

4.6 The Adult Protection Committee (APC) and Child Protection Committee (CPC) Communication & Engagement Sub-group is looking to develop mechanisms and processes whereby engagement and consultation with service-users becomes routine.

4.7 Information on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) from services and providers are shared within the Sexual Exploitation Forum which can then be utilised by partners in their service area and settings.

4.8 The Public Protection Learning Review has been approved by the Chief Officers Group - work is commencing to establish these workstreams over 2021.

4.9 The new resource from NSPCC, which was devised for special schools this year, is now part of the curriculum.

4.10 The expectation for agencies to utilise the Core Components compiled by CELCIS is being presented to the CPC on 17th May 2021. This will ensure all CPC members understand the need to consider the core components to provide an effective response to managing the risk of sexual exploitation within our communities.

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

- 4.11 Services such as Stop it Now, Break the Silence and STAR have been invited to deliver presentations to the Sexual Exploitation Forum. This is for the purpose of increasing awareness of services that are available to offer supports. Details of how to refer to and access these services will be provided and disseminated to all agencies who work with vulnerable adults and children. Access to support for children under the age of 13yrs has recently been purchased by East, North and South Ayrshire. More details will be available on this in due course.
- 4.12 The Learning and Development sub-group of CPC/APC is now established and will produce an annual calendar of public protection training including sexual exploitation.
- 4.13 Return interviews where a child or young person has been missing have been introduced as part of the Significant Event Recording forms. Some difficulties have arisen in terms of consistency in completion of these. New measures identified to support completion are being introduced to improve this.
- 4.14 A 'Significant Event' reporting tool has been developed to analyse trends to reduce risk. The tool has now recorded 2 years' worth of data.

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

- 4.15 Police Scotland representatives are part of the Sexual Exploitation Forum. They share and receive information from other partners in this forum in respect of gathering intelligence where there are community concerns. Further mechanisms require to be developed to ensure as much information as possible is captured and shared.
- 4.16 MAPPA provides a robust multi-agency information sharing system and process among public protection partners.

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

- 4.17 The lead officers for Child Protection, Adult Support and Protection and Alcohol and Drugs Partnership all now sit on the respective committee and partnership meetings to allow for shared learning and understanding. The next step is to offer visibility to each of these areas within the others workplans.
- 4.18 At the Sexual Exploitation Forum scheduled for August 2021 Barnardo's will undertake a presentation which will include information on the need to consider gender, race, disability, sexual orientation and culture when considering Sexual Exploitation. It is anticipated that Barnardo's will become involved in further work in ensuring this message is disseminated widely to staff and practitioners.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

5.1 The Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2020-2025 supports the Partnership's Strategic Objectives, namely:

- We focus on prevention and tackling inequality
- We help to build communities where people are safe

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 There are no specific human resource implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 There are no specific legal implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 The proposals in this report allow scrutiny of performance. The report does not involve proposals for policies, strategies, procedures, processes, financial decisions and activities (including service delivery), both new and at review, that affect the Council's communities and employees, therefore an equality impact assessment is not required.

6.4.2 A full Equalities Impact Assessment was carried out on the Strategy.

6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 There are no environmental sustainability implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 There is no requirement for a clinical/professional assessment.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with relevant officers.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1. There are no anticipated risks arising from the content and recommendations of the report.

8.2. In terms of the IJB Risk Management Strategy, the level of risk is low.



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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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