

<b>Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b>	<b>Performance &amp; Audit Committee</b>
<b>Held on</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Item 10</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Progress report on the Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2020-2025</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	
<p>The purpose of this 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.</p>	
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<b>Recommendations:</b>	
<p><b>It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Note the significant progress made in delivering the strategy.</b></li> <li><b>ii. Provide comment on future delivery of the strategy.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Route to meeting:</b>	
<p>Routine progress report to Performance and Audit Committee. Progress report previously presented at Committee on 14 May 2021 after approval at the Integration Joint Board on 16 September 2020.</p>	
<b>Implications:</b>	
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

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### 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 [16<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.
- 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	5
 On hold	2
 On target	41
 Showing some concerns	0
 Not on target	0
 Not due to start	4
 Superseded by new action/strategy	1

- 4.3 Each action within the Implementation Plan supports the delivery of one of the four Strategic Priorities with overlap on occasion. A 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 Recruitment process has been completed and the new Trauma Informed Practice officer has been appointed and commenced their post on 14th January 2022. Leadership Panel on 30th November 2021 agreed a strategic implementation plan for a Trauma Informed and Responsive South Ayrshire.
- 4.5 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. NSPCC input continuing remotely
- 4.6 Children's House Managers have completed Train the Trainer courses in Barnardo's Child Sexual Exploitation course. Plans are in place to deliver this training to all staff between May and December 2022. Health Champions will be asked to include information on CSE as part of their annual health agenda for young people.
- 4.7 APC and CPC Communication & Engagement Sub-group now has a new chair and two vice-chairs. The CPC improvement/business plan highlights the need for this work to be undertaken and there is a re-focus of this work under new leadership.
- 4.8 There has been significant ASP Training delivered across the partnership since April 2021. A module is currently being developed by the Practice Development Team to ensure all staff in the partnership are aware of ASP. Risks of Sexual Exploitation of vulnerable adults will be incorporated.
- 4.9 The 16 Days of Action took place from the 25 November 2021, and a range of topics and were covered through social media over this time including key messages about CSE. A calendar is being created to map national campaigns throughout the year so that they can be shared through social media pages of the partners

4.10 Correspondence has been sent to CELCIS requesting that CSE indicators are included into the Minimum Dataset. CELCIS are currently reviewing the Minimum Data Set at present, and it is hoped that CSE indicators will be captured.

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

4.11 Stop it Now, Break the Silence and STAR delivered presentation to the SE Forum in May 2021, where they gave comprehensive details of how those in need of support could access this. Details of how to refer to, and access these services was provided and disseminated to all agencies who work with vulnerable adults and children.

4.12 There are four planned sessions to deliver CSE Training (full days) set in the training calendar for February, May, August and November 2022. This is open to all multi-agency partners. This will continue to be rolling training.

4.13 With the reopening of the night-time economy, we have reintroduced taxi marshals, first aiders and the street pastors will return to the streets. We continue to engage with these staff to ensure they have a greater awareness of potential signs which could lead to sexual exploitation and abuse and give them the skills and information they need to respond appropriately.

4.14 Children's Health Care and Justice Services have recently agreed to implement Mind of My Own, a mechanism for gathering children's views. Information gathered can be used to ensure appropriate training. The Missing Person's Protocol and the requirement for return interviews will also contribute to strengthening the links between children going missing and vulnerability to abuse.

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

4.15 The HSCP are in the process of identifying Single Points of Contact in all services. The Single Points of Contact will become the person in that service who gathers information from others in their service area and provide guidance and advice. It is then planned that a monthly meeting will take place with Police Scotland to share any intelligence.

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

4.16 The Encompass study has been recently shared with Sexual Exploitation Forum members. Some of the data published in this study highlights the prevalence of Sexual Exploitation in BME communities. Further work is still needed in this area to develop a similar study in South Ayrshire.

4.17 At the Sexual Exploitation Group in September 2021, Barnardo's delivered a comprehensive presentation which focused on gender, race, sexual orientation and disability. This is also highlighted and discussed in the training being delivered to all partners this year. Barnardo's have agreed to undertake further work within South Ayrshire if required.

## **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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