

Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2020-2025








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

Action	Assigned To	Due Date	Status	Progress	Latest Note	
COPL 01.4a	Develop an integrated approach to Trauma-Informed Practice in partnership with Community Planning Partners.	Emma Douglas	31-Mar-2022		<div style="width: 30%;"><div style="width: 30%;"></div></div> 30%	19-Jan-2022 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. Further to the plan, approval was given for a Member Officer Working Group which will govern the plan and the budget aligned to the trauma work.
SES 1.1	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.	Jim Hendrie	31-Mar-2025		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	22-Apr-2021 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
SES 1.2	Education and awareness raising programmes aimed at reducing the risk of exploitation and abuse will be delivered to children and young people in residential care.	Linda Given	31-Mar-2025		<div style="width: 85%;"><div style="width: 85%;"></div></div> 85%	24-Jan-2022 House Managers have completed Train the Trainer Course in Barnardo's CSE 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.
SES 1.3	Carry out a self-evaluation of current sexual exploitation processes and practices.	John Wood	31-Dec-2021		<div style="width: 15%;"><div style="width: 15%;"></div></div> 15%	24-Feb-2022 This work will be taken forward by the Policy, Practice and Improvement sub-group of the CPC/APC.
SES 1.4	The CPC and APC have mechanisms to engage and consult with children, young people and vulnerable adults about sexual exploitation interventions and services.	Mark Taylor	31-Dec-2021		<div style="width: 10%;"><div style="width: 10%;"></div></div> 10%	18-Feb-2022 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. It is anticipated that processes are developed within the group to ensure engagement and consultation with service-users







						becomes routine.
SES 1.5	Multi-agency core Adult Support and Protection training to be reviewed for inputs to raise awareness across the whole workforce of the risks of sexual exploitation of vulnerable adults.	Mark Taylor	31-Dec-2021			18-Feb-2022 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.
SES 1.6	The Child Protection Committee and Adult Protection Committee will support Ayrshire College to raise awareness of sexual exploitation among students and staff.	Meg Williams	31-Mar-2025			18-Feb-2022 Representatives from Ayrshire College remain part of the Sexual Exploitation Forum. S.Howat from Ayrshire College undertook the CSE Train the Trainer Course delivered by Barnardo's in October 2021. This was with a view to disseminating training to college staff and students to raise awareness and recognise the signs of sexual exploitation.
SES 1.7	Continue to promote the Scottish Government CSE Information awareness raising website http://csethesigns.scot/	Liz Paterson	31-Mar-2025			24-Feb-2022 The APC and CPC Communication & Engagement Sub-group now has a new chair and two vice-chairs. The group will consider all communications and awareness raising that needs to be taken forward with support from the HSCP Communications Officer.
SES 1.8	Continue to raise awareness of CSE as part of national campaigns including 16 Days of Action, Safer Internet Day, National CSE Day.	Mark Conway	31-Mar-2025			09-Feb-2022 The 16 days of action took place from the 25th 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
SES 1.9	Continue to raise awareness of CSE using partner communication social media outlets.	Liz Paterson	31-Mar-2025			24-Feb-2022 The APC and CPC Communication & Engagement Sub-group now has a new chair and two vice-chairs. The group will consider all communications and awareness raising that needs to be taken forward with support from the HSCP Communications Officer.
SES 1.10	The CPC and APC receive regular management information on relation to the number of and profile of CSE victims, and the number of CSE victims being considered under CP procedures.	Danielle Rae	31-Dec-2021			24-Feb-2022 The CPC and APC receive quarterly performance reports. The CPC's performance report is based on the minimum dataset by CELCIS which is currently being reviewed. Correspondence has been sent to CELCIS requesting that CSE indicators are included. Work is required to gather meaningful data on sexual exploitation and vulnerable adults and for this to be presented in a way to CPC and APC that tells a story.
SES 1.11	Develop and include CSE indicator(s) into the new Minimum Dataset for Child Protection Committees to improve understanding of the scale and nature of CSE and missing episodes.	Meg Williams	31-Dec-2021			18-Feb-2022 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. Work in South Ayrshire to address this has been highlighted at the start of the report














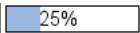
						presented to IJB.
SES 1.12	Identify improvement activity in relation to sexual exploitation in the Child Protection Improvement Plan being taken forward by Children and Families Social Work Services.	Gary Hoey	30-Sep-2021		<input type="text" value="5%"/>	18-Feb-2022 Public Protection Review was started and has been put into abeyance until the appointment of a new CSWO.
SES 1.13	Deliver the Mentors in Violence Programme in South Ayrshire schools to support young people to identify abusive and violent behaviours.	Jim Hendrie	30-Jun-2022		<input type="text" value="30%"/>	07-Jan-2022 Initial training for the pilot schools was arranged on 23 September but due to Covid attendance was low. Further training is planned for Spring, 2022
SES 1.14	Ensure that the new RSHP education online resource is being used to support teachers with resources and information to improve the education for every child and young person to have confidence in building positive relationships.	Jim Hendrie	30-Jun-2022		<input type="text" value="100%"/>	22-Apr-2021 Ensure that the new RSHP resources are being used to support teachers with resources and information to improve the education for every child and young person have confidence in building positive relationships and making well informed choices as they move into adulthood. This programme is well used in all settings- excellent resource. Updates sent to schools regularly. This is now part of the curriculum
SES 1.15	Raise awareness and understanding of sexual exploitation with sports clubs, youth groups, churches and faith organisations, LGBT communities and organisations supporting children with disabilities.	Liz Paterson	31-Mar-2025		<input type="text" value="10%"/>	04-May-2021 Update provided by Liz Paterson 04.05.2021 Meeting with Task and Finish group of Communications and Engagement sub-group to form plan to engage community and internal stakeholders. Engagement with Children and Adults with Disabilities Teams. Engagement with Core Group of Disabled Children Child Protection Network.
SES 1.16	Raise awareness and understanding of sexual exploitation with the public.	Liz Paterson	31-Mar-2025		<input type="text" value="5%"/>	24-Feb-2022 The APC and CPC Communication & Engagement Sub-group now has a new chair and two vice-chairs. The group will consider all communications and awareness raising that needs to be taken forward with support from the HSCP Communications Officer.
SES 1.17	Provide improved protection for children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and support them to develop an understanding of relationships and risk.	Jim Hendrie	31-Mar-2025		<input type="text" value="100%"/>	22-Apr-2021 Provide improved protection for children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and support them to develop an understanding of relationships and risk. Used new resource from NSPCC which was devised for special schools /units this year. This is now part of the curriculum.
SES 1.18	Ensure that all practitioners and agencies use the same definition of sexual exploitation to facilitate joint risk assessments and effective multi-agency responses.	Meg Williams	30-Sep-2021		<input type="text" value="50%"/>	18-Feb-2022 It has been disseminated to all staff who have undertaken CSE training over the past six months that we must use the same definition of CSE. This will continue to be the message delivered in all future training. This message has also been disseminated in the Sexual Exploitation Forum with the expectation


						this will be shared and disseminated with wider networks.
SES 1.19	The Child Protection Committee will implement the Core Components Checklist.	Meg Williams	30-Sep-2021		<input type="text" value="100%"/>	18-Feb-2022 The Core Components were presented to the CPC on 17th May 2021 to 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.
SES 1.20	Community Justice Ayrshire will use 'A Guide to Self-Evaluation for Community Justice in Scotland (2016)' to support Community Planning Partnerships to evaluate the effectiveness of their response.	Jackie Hamilton	31-Mar-2022		<input type="text" value="0%"/>	07-May-2021 There has been no progress on this action so far.
SES 1.21	Develop multi-agency guidance to support staff in Getting it right for vulnerable children and young people in South Ayrshire.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2022		<input type="text" value="10%"/>	07-May-2021 This work will be taken forward by the Policy, Practice and Improvement sub-group of the CPC/APC.
SES 1.22	Develop accessible guidance on adult sexual exploitation.	Mark Taylor	31-Mar-2022		<input type="text" value="10%"/>	29-Apr-2021 Some scoping/review of existing materials carried.
SES 1.23	Ensure guidance on adult sexual exploitation is widely circulate across partner agencies.	Mark Taylor	30-Jun-2022		<input type="text" value="0%"/>	29-Apr-2021 Linked with SES 1.22.
SES 1.24	Promote awareness of provisions of Human Trafficking legislation.	Liz Paterson	31-Mar-2025		<input type="text" value="5%"/>	24-Feb-2022 The APC and CPC Communication & Engagement Sub-group now has a new chair and two vice-chairs. The group will consider all communications and awareness raising that needs to be taken forward with support from the HSCP Communications Officer.
SES 1.25	Promote awareness of provisions of Forced Marriage legislation.	Liz Paterson	31-Mar-2025		<input type="text" value="5%"/>	24-Feb-2022 The APC and CPC Communication & Engagement Sub-group now has a new chair and two vice-chairs. The group will consider all communications and awareness raising that needs to be taken forward with support from the HSCP Communications Officer.
SES 1.26	Chief Officers and Elected Members receive clear written statements and information with regard to sexual exploitation (at least every six months) and are regularly briefed on other local strategic partnerships work in relation to sexual exploitation.	Meg Williams	31-Mar-2025		<input type="text" value="30%"/>	18-Feb-2022 A further update will be presented to COG in March 2022 in respect of the ongoing work of the Sexual Exploitation Forum. Guidance is being sought by the LO-CPC in how best to disseminate this message to elected members.
SES 1.27	Deliver Sexual Exploitation awareness raising and training to Senior Managers and Elected Members.	Gary Hoey	30-Jun-2022		<input type="text" value="35%"/>	18-Feb-2022 Meg Williams has discussed the development of a module for sexual exploitation which can be accessed by Senior Managers and Elected Members. This is being taken forward by the Practice development Team. Members of the Senior Management Team have also been invited to attend the CSE training being delivered four times throughout this year. Two Service Managers

						have signed up for this training in February 2022.
SES 1.28	Consider the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on increasing the risk of sexual exploitation to our most vulnerable.	Meg Williams	30-Sep-2021		<input type="text" value="35%"/>	18-Feb-2022 This is considered in the context of the CPC Quarterly Report and in the IRD Audit Group and the Referral Audit Evaluation Group. CPC have continued to be assured that the most vulnerable children in our communities continue to be seen.






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

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SES 2.1	Ensure children, young people and vulnerable adults can access abuse recovery services when they need them.	Meg Williams	31-Mar-2025		<input type="text" value="60%"/>	18-Feb-2022 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.
SES 2.2	The CPC/APC Learning and Development sub-group will include delivery of inter-agency inputs of sexual exploitation for staff and volunteers in the general, specific and intensive workforces in the training calendar.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2022		<input type="text" value="75%"/>	18-Feb-2022 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.
SES 2.3	Sexual exploitation education and awareness raising programmes will be delivered to parents and carers, local community groups and other business economies.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2025		<input type="text" value="10%"/>	18-Feb-2022 There is scope to develop current training to be delivered to parents, carers and local communities. This work will also be driven by the Communication & Engagement sub-group
SES 2.4	Engage with 'night-time economy' to ensure workers have relevant information to provide awareness regarding sexual exploitation and abuse.	Mark Conway	31-Mar-2022		<input type="text" value="40%"/>	09-Feb-2022 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.
SES 2.5	Staff have access to child protection guidelines for underage sexual activity which includes information on CSE.	John Wood	30-Sep-2021		<input type="text" value="10%"/>	24-Feb-2022 This work will be taken forward by the Policy, Practice and Improvement sub-group of the CPC/APC.
SES 2.6	Ensure a Child Protection Sexual Health meeting with a Child Protection Advisor takes place to discuss any concerns about potential CSE/CSA	Meg Williams	31-Mar-2025		<input type="text" value="15%"/>	18-Feb-2022 There is representation from CPA's and Sexual Health clinics on the Sexual Exploitation Forum. The CPC Lead Officer will set up sessions before the next presentation of the plan with CPA's






	clients, alongside other concerning child presentations.					to discuss the risks and indicators of CSE to ensure YP and children are protected.
SES 2.7	Develop a robust recording process of return interviews where a child, young person or vulnerable adult has been missing to help identify abuse.	Linda Given	31-Mar-2022			24-Jan-2022 Return Interviews are now tracked and recorded as part of the significant event protocol. The data obtained from return interviews and significant event forms is used to inform caring4u meetings which are multi agency and chaired by House Managers, Caring4u meetings ensure that young people are receiving the right support at the right time to progress their plans.
SES 2.8	Develop 'significant event' screening groups to analyse trends and plan to reduce risk to vulnerable groups.	Linda Given	31-Mar-2022			24-Jan-2022 The data obtained from significant event forms is used to inform caring4u meetings which are multi agency and chaired by House Managers, Caring4u meetings ensure that young people are receiving the right support at the right time to progress their plans. This information contributes to safeguarding young people and helps manage and reduce the risk of harm.
SES 2.9	Ensure that young people's views are used for relevant training for practitioners which highlights the links between going missing and vulnerability to abuse.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2022			18-Feb-2022 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. This is also covered extensively in the CSE training.
SES 2.10	Market the Runaway and Say Something helpline services directly to people in South Ayrshire to ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults are supported when they are thinking of going missing or need help to stay safe.	Liz Paterson	31-Mar-2025			24-Feb-2022 The APC and CPC Communication & Engagement Sub-group now has a new chair and two vice-chairs. The group will consider all communications and awareness raising that needs to be taken forward with support from the HSCP Communications Officer.
SES 2.11	Pilot a national protocol locally for looked after children who go missing from residential and foster care.	Linda Given	31-Mar-2025			24-Jan-2022 The proposed pilot project did not receive agreement from Police Scotland; however, the new National Guidance has now been fully implemented across Scotland. Residential and Foster Carers in South Ayrshire are now following the new national guidance including implementing the category of "not at home" (where it is safe to do so).
SES 2.12	Develop an integrated approach to Trauma Informed Practice in partnership with Community Planning partners.	Kevin Anderson	31-Mar-2023			24-Feb-2022 Superseded by action COPL 01.4a.
SES 2.13	Identify learning from joint inspections in relation	Gary Hoey	31-Dec-2021			18-Feb-2022 This work is being taken forward by the Quality

	to sexual exploitation to support continuous improvement.					Assurance Officer is part of the new QA officer remit who commenced in April 2021. This work will develop and be supported by the practice development team
SES 2.14	Work with partners to develop clear pathways for accessing support services for those who have been sexually exploited.	Meg Williams	31-Mar-2022		<input type="text" value="60%"/>	18-Feb-2022 Similar to objective 2.1 work is ongoing with partners to ensure clear pathways for accessing support services for those who have been sexually exploited. A paper was presented to the Social Work Governance Board in December 2021 seeking approval for a Single Point of Contact in each service area. The objective of having a SPOC is to ensure that practitioners can report anything of concern and intelligence to be shared with the Police. This will also identify the most vulnerable in our communities to sexual exploitation and they can be referred and signposted to the most appropriate support service.

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

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SES 3.1	Identify local improvements to the quality of Joint Investigative Interviews (JIIs) while the national programme of change is taking place.	Jackie Hamilton	31-Mar-2022		<input type="text" value="0%"/>	07-May-2021 There will be nothing done locally as we are working toward the roll out of the national guidance which is planned for 2022.
SES 3.2	Identify and implement learning from the pilot of the Stop to Listen approach.	Jackie Hamilton	31-Mar-2024		<input type="text" value="0%"/>	07-May-2021 There has been no progress on this action so far.
SES 3.3	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.	Jackie Hamilton	31-Mar-2022		<input type="text" value="0%"/>	07-May-2021 The relevance of additional guidance is being considered before progress can be made.
SES 3.4	Robust multi-agency information sharing systems and processes among Public Protection partners to support the identification and management of perpetrators will be developed.	Jackie Hamilton	31-Mar-2022		<input type="text" value="100%"/>	07-May-2021 MAPPA provides a robust multi-agency information sharing system and process among public protection partners.
SES 3.5	Identify a mechanism on gathering and providing intelligence where there are concerns in the community.	Meg Williams	31-Dec-2022		<input type="text" value="60%"/>	18-Feb-2022 As noted above we are in the process of identifying SPOCs 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 in order to share any intelligence.

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

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SES 4.1	Ensure strategy documents relating to children, young people and vulnerable adults consider the prevention and impact of sexual exploitation.	John Wood	31-Mar-2025		<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 15px; background-color: #e0e0e0; position: relative;"><div style="position: absolute; left: 0; top: 0; bottom: 0; width: 15%; background-color: #4f81bd;"></div></div> 15%	24-Feb-2022 All of our strategy documents are considered for strategic implications and are aligned to our strategic plan. A key objective of our strategic plan is to 'We help build communities where people are safe.' We are also taking part in work with Public Health and South Ayrshire Council on an Integrated Impact Assessment which will allow us to assess policies and strategies based on our own priority areas.
SES 4.2	Taking a whole school approach to gender equality by using the Gender 10 toolkit.	Jim Hendrie	30-Jun-2022		<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 15px; background-color: #e0e0e0; position: relative;"><div style="position: absolute; left: 0; top: 0; bottom: 0; width: 30%; background-color: #4f81bd;"></div></div> 30%	07-Jan-2022 Progress has been on hold due to Covid restrictions and this initiative being a pre-cursor to MVP. A pilot Primary School has agreed to launch this initiative in Spring, 2022 and meetings and training are being arranged to enable this work.
SES 4.3	Ensure that wider public protection concerns are incorporated into the response to sexual exploitation e.g., Alcohol and Drug Partnership and Violence Against Women Partnership.	Gary Hoey	31-Mar-2025		<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 15px; background-color: #e0e0e0; position: relative;"><div style="position: absolute; left: 0; top: 0; bottom: 0; width: 25%; background-color: #4f81bd;"></div></div> 25%	04-May-2021 The lead officers for CP, ASP and ADP 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.
SES 4.4	Undertake a local study to explore the links between sexual exploitation, race and migrant status in South Ayrshire.	Meg Williams	30-Jun-2022		<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 15px; background-color: #e0e0e0; position: relative;"><div style="position: absolute; left: 0; top: 0; bottom: 0; width: 20%; background-color: #4f81bd;"></div></div> 20%	18-Feb-2022 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.
SES 4.5	Ensure responses to Sexual Exploitation consider and incorporate protected characteristics e.g., gender, sexual orientation, race and disability.	Meg Williams	30-Jun-2022		<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 15px; background-color: #e0e0e0; position: relative;"><div style="position: absolute; left: 0; top: 0; bottom: 0; width: 50%; background-color: #4f81bd;"></div></div> 50%	18-Feb-2022 At the SEG 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.