

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Performance & Audit Committee	
Held on:	28th February 2023	
Agenda Item:	6	
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 of the Sexual Exploitation Strategy which covers the period 2020-2025. Since the last progress report there have been a number of changes, particularly with staff moving elsewhere, who were directly linked to specific actions within this plan. As such, the action plan does not accurately reflect what is happening at present. A small group of key professionals recently met to review the plan and a full day to focus on outstanding actions has been arranged for 6th March with time set aside to discuss specific tasks related to L&D, Justice, Trauma informed practice etc.</p>		
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Recommendations:		
<p>It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee</p> <p>i. Note the proposal for the strategy review</p>		
Route to meeting:		
<p>Routine progress report to Performance and Audit Committee. Progress reports previously presented at Committee on 04 March 2022, 14 May 2021 after approval at the Integration Joint Board on 16 September 2020.</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 proposal for the strategy review**

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 Each individual action on the Implementation Plan is updated through the Pentana Management System.
- 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	16
● On hold	3
▶ On target	35
▲ Showing some concerns	0
● Not on target	0
⚙ Not due to start	0
★ Superseded by new action/strategy	0

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 The newly reformed APC and CPC Communication & Engagement Sub-groups each have a new chair and vice-chair. 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 again in November 2022, 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 recently reviewed the Minimum Data Set, and it is hoped that within the next few months 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 Four sessions of CSE Training (full days) were delivered in 2022 (February, May, August and November). This will continue throughout 2023 (Friday 24th March, Tuesday 2nd May, Thursday 31st August and Friday 8th December) and is open to all multi-agency partners.

4.13 Following the reopening of the night-time economy, taxi marshals, first aiders and the street pastors returned 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 agreed to implement 'Mind of My Own', a mechanism for gathering children's views. Unfortunately, feedback from young people was not particularly positive, while the admin infrastructure was unable to support this system. That said, the MOMO team were advised that it may be something we can pick up in future.

4.15 The HSCP continue in their attempts to identify 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 regular meetings 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 was 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 each 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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