

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Performance and Audit Committee														
Held on	1st August 2023														
Agenda Item:	Item 7														
Title:	Progress report on the Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2020-2025														
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<p>Route to meeting: Routine progress report to Performance and Audit Committee. Progress reports previously presented at Committee on March 2023, March 2022 and May 2021 after approval at the Integration Joint Board on 16 September 2020.</p>															
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Progress report on the Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2020-2025

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Performance and Audit Committee with an update on the planned mid-point review of the Implementation Plan for the Sexual Exploitation Strategy which covers the period 2020-2025.
- 1.2 Since the last progress report in February 2023, a significant amount of work has been undertaken to review and update the actions of the Strategy Implementation Plan.
- 1.3 This report provides an overview of the progress made to date – including an update on actions which have now been completed and identifies actions which need to be reviewed, due to questions regarding their current validity and achievability.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee:
 - I. **Note the proposal to undertake a mid-point review of the Sexual Exploitation Strategy (2020 – 2025)**
 - II. **Note progress detailed in Appendix 1**

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 Since the last progress Report to this Committee in February 2023 the Implementation Plan has been reviewed and updated by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategy Implementation Group. There will now be a formal mid-point review exercise led by the Sexual Exploitation Strategy Implementation Group. The Implementation Group is the multidisciplinary group, tasked with overseeing the implementation of the strategy.

4.2 As noted in the Report to Committee in February, changes in personnel and roles/responsibilities had meant that it was, in some cases, it was unclear what progress, if any, had been made with some of the identified actions. Following the review by the Chair and Vice Chair, current progress on the actions in the Implementation Plan are noted below:

Status (July 2023)	Number
✓ Completed	22
● On hold	14
▶ On target	16
▲ Showing some concerns	0
● Not on target	0
⚙ Not due to start	0
★ Superseded by new action/strategy	0

The full Progress Report is available at Appendix 1.

4.3 Progress states, that 22 of the actions are marked as “complete” and 16 actions are currently “on target” and progressing. It is anticipated that the mid-point review will identify further progress for some actions which will result in them being recorded as “complete”. However, there are 14 targets which have been put “on hold” due to some concerns regarding their achievability or validity. These will be the focus of discussion for the Implementation Group which will consider if the actions should be revised, restated to be more concise or removed if felt to be no longer applicable or achievable.

4.4 As part of the mid-point review, the Implementation Group will also consider whether any changes to the Sexual Exploitation Strategy itself will be required. If so, recommendations will be made for consideration of the Violence Against Women Multiagency Partnership, the Child Protection Committee and the Adult Protection Committee.

4.5 In making any changes to the current actions, the mid-point review will have due regard for the Strategic Risk Assessment, Equality Impact Assessment and Children’s Rights Impact Assessment carried out for the development of the Strategy.

- 4.6 The mid-pint review process will ensure that each action within the Implementation Plan has a named person who will be responsible for updating and reporting on the progress of the action.
- 4.7 The HSCP Planning and Performance Team will continue to support the recording of progress via Pentana.
- 4.8 It is expected that this mid-point review exercise will be completed by October 2023.
- 4.9 The outcome of the mid-point review exercise will be reported back to the Performance and Audit Committee for approval.

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

- 6.4.2 The mid-point review will look to review and, where necessary, update the existing Equalities Impact Assessment and Child Rights Impact Assessment.

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.
- 7.2 As part of the mid-point review exercise, appropriate engagement and consultation will be undertaken.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 8.1. There are no anticipated risks arising from the content and recommendations of the report.
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Appendix 1 - South Ayrshire HSCP Sexual Exploitation Strategy Implementation – Progress - July 2023

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