

**ACTION PLAN: Review of Contextual Safeguarding and Youth Relationships**

No.	Recommendation	Proposed Actions / Progress	Success Measures	Responsibility	Date
1	That a strategic partnership approach to Contextualised Safeguarding is agreed and monitored through existing established multi-agency partnerships such as Safer Stockton Partnership, YOT Board, HSSCP and the Children and Young People's Board.	Risk Outside the Home presentations to create discussion and ownership. Ambition is to consolidate this as both a child safeguarding and community safety priority	Strategic Partnerships incorporate Risk Outside the Home in their plans and activity	Adele Moore AD CSC	December 2023
2	That a consistent definition of child criminal exploitation and contextual safeguarding is developed and adopted by all Stockton-on-Tees partners.	Rollout of our new <b>Risk Outside the Home</b> Policy and Guidance. The document provides a working definition to be used across Children's Services	The definition of Risk Outside the Home is shared and understood within the children's partnership	Adele Moore AD CSC	December 2023
3	That clear outcome measures are defined to measure success of interventions and approaches.	Amendments have been made to the children's social care assessment document to better capture those children and young people who are at risk  Multi-agency working group to be established to explore performance indicators across the children's and community safety system	Identification of children and young people at risk of harm outside the home is routinely quality assured and	Miriam Sigsworth Service Lead	December 2023
4	That support is provided for schools, in partnership with Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSSCP), to promote understanding of contextualised safeguarding and relationships through the development and delivery of a programme of awareness raising and training supplemented with advice	Contextual Safeguarding / Risk Outside the Home training is freely available and promoted by HSSCP.	School staff are knowledgeable, skilled and are confident in how to identify and support children and young people at risk from outside the home.  Increased knowledge and understanding is visible in referrals from schools to	HSSCP	Ongoing rolling training

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	and guidance and clear routes into support.		children's services and in how schools support children as a single agency or as part of multi-agency plans		
5	That a training and support programme is delivered to Children's Services staff to enhance understanding of contextualised safeguarding and to help recognise and support young people who are being exploited or at risk of exploitation.	<p>Additional bespoke training has been developed for the Council's children's workforce. Content and approach has recently been tested through a pilot to a children's social work team</p> <p>Learning gained had been incorporated into the rollout of training to staff across social work teams, Help &amp; Support and SEND planned from July 2023</p>	<p>Children's service staff are knowledgeable, skilled and confident to support children and young people and families.</p> <p>This is visible in children's assessments, plans and how we support children, young people and families.</p>	Tanya Evans  Contextual safeguarding team manager	Sept 2023
6	That a programme of awareness raising is developed for key partners and elected Members.	This will be achieved through presentations to key strategic partnership groups and HSSCP training programme	Risk Outside the Home is recognised as a safeguarding and community safety priority	Tanya Evans  Contextual safeguarding team manager	November 2023
7	That a community guardian programme is introduced within schools and communities across Stockton-on-Tees to provide wider community support.	<p>To identify, liaise and take learning from those LAs where community guardian programmes have been introduced</p> <p>Identification of services that are best placed to lead on this work</p>	This will be scoped and developed	HSSCP	December 2023
8	That multi-agency capacity to support our MACE approach is strengthened to meet need.	Analysis of the current / emerging gaps in MACE capacity with our partners	MACE has the capacity to perform its core functions to identify children at risk and the sources of harm to them; and to coordinate targeted activity to disrupt harm and achieve safe spaces for children	Miriam Sigsworth and Adele Moore	December 2023

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9	That an options appraisal is undertaken on how Children's Services can achieve the best outcomes for young people through improved practice and additional capacity and focus, including through the use of voices of experience. This will include options for structure and effective multi-agency working.	Appraisal Paper to CSLT about how we support children at risk of significant harm from risk outside the home	Practitioners and managers know what is expected of them. They are supported to practice with confidence and are able to build strong trusted relationships with children and families.	Adele Moore	November 2023