

### SCR Frankie - Action Plan

Learning Points	Actions	Updates	RAG Rating
<p>1 The current notification process under the SET Child Death Review arrangements (Section 9.7.17) should be reviewed to ensure timely notification of child deaths are received by the relevant persons when a Thurrock child dies outside of the area.</p>	<p>1. Processes to be clarified on how relevant agencies are informed when a child/young person dies - especially outside of office working hours 2. When a child/young person dies outside of Thurrock area - how is this information shared to ensure that agencies are informed</p>	<p>1. This is currently being looked at across SET and work is ongoing in relation to this. In addition to the process set out in the SET CDR Procedure (2019) paragraph 18, each organisation should follow their own child death procedure and notify the Child Health Information Service (CHIS) who are the initial and main route for informing agencies of the death of a child/young person. A multi-agency working group is currently reviewing and strengthening the pathways for notifications and a flowchart is being prepared for sharing across SET agencies within the next few weeks. 2. TLSCP Business Manager to ask the question and feedback. A review is ongoing at SET level. When a child who is resident in Thurrock, dies outside of the Thurrock area it would be expected that the Child Death Overview Panel in the area in which the child died would make contact with the SET CDR Manager, as set out in paragraph 9.4 of the SET CDR Procedure. Meeting set up with MT Education Strategic Lead (06.04.21 rearranged to 21.04.21) to understand what happens within Thurrock when the notification is received. What is understood at the moment: The Child Death notification goes to MT directly in the first instance so that where necessary a check of the school can be done and where necessary implement Critical Incident support from the Educational Psychology Service. This is to ensure that the person who is providing the support is able to talk directly with the Headteacher concerned rather than them being contacted by a number of staff across education. There are a number of occasions where MT or a senior member of the educational psychology service would attend the initial Child Death review meeting where appropriate. A piece of work is currently been undertaken in CSC to formalise a process/protocol around</p>	B
<p>2 Essex Police should remind staff decision makers regarding the correct threshold for disposal in juvenile cases and the YOS referral process.</p>	<p>Process within YOS to be recirculated out to front line officers</p>	<p>What is the correct threshold for disposal in juvenile cases? What is the YOS referral process? 25.03.21 - Email sent the YOS Team Manager requesting guidance on this action. Response received from YOS Team Manager providing information on how this action has progressed. To be taken the MACE in April for them to review. Presented at MACE meeting on the 13th April and it was agreed that this recommendation has been met. Procedures have been implemented by YOS and will be monitored.</p>	B

3.1	The Thurrock LSCP to lead a review of how all agencies respond to the impact on children when a parent is given a custodial sentence.	Task and Finish Group to look at this, to include reps from NPS and CRC, CSC, NELFT and Housing Areas to be covered:- What steps are taken when a parent is given a custodial sentence What support is put in place when this happens (eg, financial implications, housing, contact with school and emotional support - children).	25.03.21 - Invitation has sent out for a Task and Finish Group meeting which is to be held on the 21st April 2021 - this did not go ahead. Multi-agency Task and Finish Group to be convened by mid June to discuss and initiate review. Meeting held on 22.07.21 attended by Probation, NELFT, CSC Early Help and CLA. Written input was also provided from Housing and Thurrock CCG all provided full updates on what is provided within thier organisation. An update from Education is yet to be received. 02.09.21 - Response received from Education and all responses have been combined and is available from LSCP Business Team. This question has also been added to the Section 11 Safeguarding Audit. Data will be collected in the ext cycle.	B
3.2	The Thurrock LSCP to lead a review of how all agencies respond to the impact on children when a parent is given a custodial sentence.	How is this communicated and coordinated jointly across the multi-agency network?	A plan for a multi-agency Dip Sample audit of partnership working (where parents/carers have received a custodial sentence) will be ratified through the audit sub-group with a view to it being conducted in spring 2022.	A
4.1	Thurrock CSC to ensure that Child in Need procedures includes a notification process to other relevant agencies when a child becomes the subject of a CIN Plan.	CSC to clarify what the process is in relation to notification.	CSC response: Key partner agencies such as GP, Schools and Health are invited to the first CIN meeting. They are also invited to review meetings and the final CIN meeting. Key agencies are sent a letter when the CIN plan ends and the aim is to have a final CIN meeting involving relevant agencies before the CIN plan ends. The Police are not invited to CIN meetings unless they have a particular role with a family. Monitoring of this will be carried ot via the LSCP Annual Audit schedule.	B

4.2	Thurrock CSC to ensure that Child in Need procedures includes a notification process to other relevant agencies when a child becomes the subject of a CIN Plan.	As part of this the email addresses for agencies should be reviewed twice yearly - especially in relation to Primary Care.	5th May 21 - This was discussed at the MACE meeting on the 13th April. Further queries to be made as to whether areas can introduce generic email inboxes to assist with this. 24th August 21 - Distribution lists are being shared on a twice a year basis and this has been added to the forward plan to ensure that this is requested timely.	B
5	The Thurrock LSCP to lead the opportunity for local agencies to consider and find ways to understand how to incorporate the concept of contextual safeguarding in the assessment of risk to children in the future.	Each agency should review their assessment processes to see if it captures contextual safeguarding questions - to be overseen by MACE.	Agencies have indicated that Contextual Safeguarding is incorporated into their assessment processes. This has been discussed within the MACE Group.	B
6	The Thurrock LSCP to engage with the education system to review the current process when permanent exclusion is being considered, to ensure that consideration is given to reducing the potential for creating additional vulnerability and safeguarding risks to children at risk of exclusion.	Work to be undertaken to ensure that permanent exclusion is the last resort - regular updates to be provided to MACE on the ongoing work as a standing agenda item.	This is part of the Youth Justice Plan 21-24 - guidance has been written for schools. YOS provide packages of support to schools to support with children at risk of exclusion.  LA protocols are in place to reduce vulnerability factors and safeguard C&YP from serious youth violence (this is shared with schools).  Funding has been secured to provide outreach support to schools commencing autumn term 2021. Regular updates will be provided at MACE meetings and this will be evaluated at the end of the 2021/22 school year.	G
7	The Thurrock LSCP to co-ordinate a review of local interventions currently available to support parents when identified safeguarding risks are outside the home. What do young people and their parents tell us about this?	Awaiting information from recommendation 5 and then develop further. - Seek views from families and children and young people - What services are available for parents to be signposted to (including voluntary and charities).	Thurrock Gangs and CCE Lead within YOS provides parental support and guidance around gangs and exploitation. This can take a range of forms from individual to general awareness. This work is supported with an information leaflet (attached), that also signposts to national support websites/numbers. Plans are in the pipeline to deliver group parent/drop in sessions once face-to-face events resume and the feasibility of an app/24hr support line for sharing concerns (early stages) to be developed over the next few months. There is also guided signposting to the following websites as support mechanisms: <a href="https://www.missingpeople.org.uk/">https://www.missingpeople.org.uk/</a> <a href="https://parentinfo.org/article/if-your-child-is-in-a-gang">https://parentinfo.org/article/if-your-child-is-in-a-gang</a> <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/gangs-criminal-exploitation/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/gangs-criminal-exploitation/</a> <a href="https://www.barnardos.org.uk/">https://www.barnardos.org.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/">https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/</a> The Crew Project - run by INSPIRE Your Future a 6 week mentoring programme for 11- 18 year olds who maybe affiliated with gang culture.	B

8	Thurrock LSCP to review data about families being moved into the area by other local authorities as part of their own gang disruption activities, and consider the role of the LSCP in liaising with the relevant LSCPs about how agencies can work better together to meet the needs of these families and manage risk.	SET Strategic Partners to take this forward as this is a national issue - notifications to be made when a child/young person is being moved into another area, along with safeguarding concerns.	A local strategy with Housing, Education, Community Safety and the Youth Offending Service (YOS) are working together to identify families transferred into Thurrock as part of their home LAs gang disruption activities. Funding from the V&VU has been used to design a welcome pack to engage those families and share vital contact information e.g. Local Area Coordinator, Education, faith organisations, housing, health etc. This has also been raised at Director level, Eastern Region and at National Forums. There is currently a London protocol written by the Met Police being agreed (Name?) which may have an impact outside London. This will also be agreed via the Thematic Review of Youth Violence and Gang Related Crime. This has now been escalated nationally. Thurrock CCG - As part of the recent local drowning - a multiagency audit will be looking at case transfer.	B
9	Thurrock LSCP to review how partner agencies respond to and provide support to those families and children affected by gang association. Could Thurrock LSCP, Adult Safeguarding Board and Community Safety Partnership build on the current work to develop a violence and vulnerability framework?	LSCP through MACE to look at what agencies are providing for families who are affected by gang affiliation	TLSCP, TSAB and CSP met with reps from Housing, YOS, Placements Essex Police and Education to discuss this recommendation. There is alot of work being done in this area with a whole system approach Annual Public Health Report and Action Plans, CSP - Violence and Vulnerability Report, PFCC -Safer Essex V&V Framework and Overview, June 2018 document, Operation Raptor (focus on serious youth crime and gangs, Local Action Groups, Housing - Vulnerable Families Project, SAB - Training and awareness sessions, Placements Team - pre-placement assessments, training and awareness for foster carers. Operational GRV Board linked to Brighter Futures Strategy. Inteventions and support by the YOS Outreach Worker as per recommendation 7. H&WBB Priority 6.	B
10.1	Thurrock LSCP to review how well Partner agencies currently share intelligence related to gang association and affiliation.	Report to be requested from Operational Gang Related Violence Group on a meeting cycle basis - to include identified Contextual Safeguarding concerns	Contextual Safeguarding Report is presented as a standing agenda item at all MACE. Reports from the Operational Gang Related Violence Group (GRVG) are presented at MACE meetings annually.	B

10.2	Thurrock LSCP to review how well Partner agencies currently share intelligence related to gang association and affiliation.	Request feedback from agencies involved within the Operational GRV to see how effective the information sharing is- what is working well, what is not working so well - what difference has it made.	YOS Senior Leader attended the June 2021 meeting and presented report from the Operation Gang Related Violence Group (GRV) and presented an annual report to the LSCP. This will form part of the LSCP Forward Plan of annual reports.	B
10.3	Thurrock LSCP to review how well Partner agencies currently share intelligence related to gang association and affiliation.	Have a six monthly dip sample of families requesting their feedback.	Initial meeting to discuss this action with YOS completed. Further discussions to be held. In January this year a young person feedback was undertaken in relation to children who were open to YOS and Children's Social Care. Additionally the Violence and Vulnerabilities Board have undertaken a Youth Participation Project which includes the voice of some Thurrock Children. JR to attend MACE Sub-Group in June to update in relation to this action. JR attended MACE in June and presented report. This is also captured in the GRV annual report and the 6 monthly dip sample is added to the LSCP forward plan.	B

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