

15 June 2015		ITEM: 7
Health and Wellbeing Board		
Thurrock Response to Child Sexual Exploitation		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Not Applicable	
Report of: Alan Cotgrove, Thurrock Childrens Partnership and Local Safeguarding Children Board Manager		
Accountable Head of Service: Andrew Carter, Head of Childrens Social Care		
Accountable Director: Carmel Littleton, Director of Childrens Services		
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Executive Summary

The attached report and presentation provides an overview of the current partnership response to child sexual exploitation in Thurrock. It sets out the infrastructure that supports our approach and highlights some of the key activities undertaken.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board to note the progress of our response

1.2 To enable the Health and Wellbeing Board to make comments

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 The sexual exploitation of children and young people is completely unacceptable. The Partnerships across Thurrock and Essex have been working together, developing its approach over the last three years taking into account the Childrens Commissioners recommendations, Working Together 2015 and the findings of a number of enquiries that have taken place across the country.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

3.1 Not applicable

4. Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 To inform the Board of the work of the Childrens Partnerships in developing its response and approach to child sexual exploitation.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 Not applicable

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 Not applicable

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: Michael Jones
Management Accountant

Funding of the work of the Children's Partnership and Local Safeguarding Board activities is conducted through partner's contributions with no additional financial impact on the local authority.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: Lyndsey Marks
Legal

There are no direct Legal implications for the Local authority.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: Rebecca Price
Community Development Officer

There are no direct diversity or equality implications. The Thurrock approach to child sexual exploitation aims to improve services and support for all children and young people in Thurrock.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- Children Commissioners report
- Working Together 2015
- Thurrock CSE strategy 2015

9. Appendices to the report

- Appendix A – Partnership Report
- Appendix B – CSE Presentation

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