

7 MINUTE BRIEFING

Children and Young People who Display Inappropriate and Harmful Sexual Behaviour – Policy and Procedure

There is an appendix within the document which directs the reader to the Brook Traffic Light Tool which is a guide to determining healthy to harmful behaviours within developmental age ranges, useful references and resources and suggested training for different cohorts of staff . Please find the updated document attached below. This will be available on the KSCB website in June

any behaviour of a sexual nature that takes place when:

Harmful sexual behaviour is

There is no informed consent by the victim and/or;

The young person has allegedly displayed a harmful sexual behavioural threat (verbal, physical or emotional) to coerce, threaten or intimidate the victim.

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It is integral that children and young people who display harmful sexual behaviours are assessed by qualified social workers. Children social workers and YOS social workers/probation officers who complete specialist harmful sexual assessments need to be highly skilled in completing assessments as well as trained in completing specialised sexual harmful assessments.

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In respect of sexual behaviours, there are sometimes difficulties in distinguishing between normal childhood sexual development and experimentation, and inappropriate or harmful sexual behaviour. This document gives you further insight into indicators to consider.

4. The key factors in undertaking an assessment;

This updated document aims to clarify: 1.Definition of harmful sexual behaviour;

5. The risk management process:

2. Identification when sexual behaviour by children and young people should be considered harmful and when it can be considered in the context of normal behaviours;

6. Methods of working with children and young people who display harmful or inappropriate sexual behaviours;

3. A consistent response to inappropriate and harmful sexual behaviour;

7. The training and supervision required when dealing with harmful sexual behaviours.

A flowchart of the procedure and pathway to follow when concerns arise regarding a child's sexualised behaviour is available within the document. It then gives detailed information regarding disclosures, the child protection processes and risk management.

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