

## 7 MINUTE BRIEFING

## Knowsley Updated Child Exploitation Policy 2019

As practitioners will be aware there have been problems with submitting intelligence to Crime stoppers, Shield is therefore reintroducing the intelligence form so that lead practitioners can forward intelligence on exploitation to Shield if Crime stoppers do not accept the information! The policy can be found on the KSCB website under Child Exploitation at the following link: https://www.knowsleyscb.org.uk/professionals/multi-agency-procedures/

Knowsley CE Policy has been updated in line with the new Pan Merseyside CE Policy. This Policy replaces Knowsley CCE policy and also the CSE Framework.

Significant changes are:

Up to date definitions and language to be used to describe child exploitation. The roles are clearly identified in terms of the MACE, MARTHR, SHIELD and CE coordinators.

There is guidance on research and different models for exploitation to assist with improving the quality of assessments and plans.

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Referral pathways are outlined for MACE and MARTHR for CE perpetrators. The introduction of CE Champions in each of the teams – Early Help, Family First, YOS, CP and CLA teams. Shield will train up all CE Champions and their focus will be on improving the quality of assessments and plans in relation to exploitation.

If a child is assessed as medium or high risk of exploitation in the MACE then the case cannot be closed to services. There is guidance and additional clarification on when children do not engage and the step up and step down when non-engagement is a key factor.

This policy tightens up the processes in relation to children being moved to Knowsley and expectations on other responsible authorities, including the need for a hand over meeting when placing a child in Knowsley with exploitation vulnerabilities.

Prior to submission of a CE 2 form and plan to MACE there will be an expectation that lead practitioners discussed their assessments and plans to check the quality. The MACE Terms of Reference have been updated to provide clarity on governance, purpose, responsibilities of members, escalation process and the roles of the chair.

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