TSCP MACA: CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION





Who?

- Police
- Children's Services
- Youth Justice Service
- Health (0-19 service)
- Education
- Checkpoint
- Early Help

How?

Ten children anonymously identified.

Audited by each agency during the Summer 2023

Medium or High exploitation toolkits with child criminal exploitation identified.

Known to Youth Justice Service between Jan 2022 and Jan 2023

Range of needs, locations, support and care planning, educational status and living arrangements

Review MACA to be progressed end 2024.

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT...

Child Exploitation toolkit creation, review and sharing.

- Review and disseminate practice guidance.
- Promotion of the multi-agency tool kit that can be used by any professionals.
- Wider sharing of toolkits and use of suitable agency warning 'markers' on case records
- Review and updating toolkits performance improvement needed.

Partnership information sharing

- Improve agency markers on case records.
- Sharing new and updated toolkits
- How are 'return home conversations' shared into relevant agencies?

Partnership working, complexity, and drift.

- Support for practitioners to map key agencies and explore alternative planning and support options when the child and/or family are not consenting to Children's Social Care
- Promotion of Professional Differences Policy
- Communication with other involved Services
- Improved Management oversight across agencies to support complex situations and ensure planning is progressing.
- Prevent drift and delay in exploited and missing children being regularly seen – promoting creativity, tenacity and curiosity in practice.

What's going well?

Multi-agency working in complex situations.

Good interaction with children and families

Embedded local missing and exploitation forums and processes.

Good information sharing and discussion between lead agency representatives

Next steps

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Work plan to address areas of improvement monitored by Strategic Group

Continue to learn from national and local good practice.

Childrens feedback and voices to shape future delivery.

MACE review

Review toolkit practice guidance and update "How To" guide and FAQ's

Tools for direct work / mapping identification through Contextual Safeguarding framework

Training across the partnership

Other issues

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Youth Justice Service lack of suitable formal meeting places for direct and confidential work Need to establish a Contextual Safeguarding framework in Torbay.