

### **DERBY CRE SERVICE OFFER**

The following services are available to all children in Derby who are identified as Children at Risk of Exploitation (CRE). Children who are identified as suffering or at risk of exploitation be assessed using an exploitation risk assessment and that will review any common indicators of exploitation, vulnerability factors and history/contextual and identity factors, to ensure the relevant support and referrals are made to statutory and voluntary services.

Some children at risk of exploitation will be receiving additional input due to other needs such as Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), or due to suffering other significant harm, therefore any input and support will be tailored and prioritised to meet the child's individual needs. The support package will complement any other services they receive.

No child under 13 years of age or with SEND issues can be considered low risk until thorough assessments are completed and agreed by a Child Protection Manager. Those cases that require transition from Children's to Adults' services can be considered for a transition plan and referral to adult social care from age 17, where exploitation remains a factor. Alongside referrals to other services as appropriate.

### **Services for children at Low Risk of exploitation**

Support should be provided by individual agencies working with the child or from the parent, to educate the child about the risks of CRE and to provide appropriate low-level support and monitor for escalation of risks.

Actions may include:

- Complete an Early Help Assessment (EHA) and CRE risk toolkit
- Coordinate a Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting to establish what support is required.
- Support to improve school attendance e.g. support within school from mentor and access to educational and supportive groups
- Preventing and reducing absence, isolation and escalation of risk
- Healthy relationships and rights work, such as standards for relationships, in different contexts, understanding consent, building self-esteem, understanding on and offline risks to CRE
- Diversionary activities through multi agency teams, family structures and voluntary sector referrals.
- Introduction to positive activities and positive friendships

- Share relevant information of concern via Operation Liberty Forms
- Referral to Safe and Sound for low level prevention work and parenting support
- Work with Parents as partners to reduce the risk (unless considered complicit)

### **Services for children with a Medium Risk of exploitation**

These children need assessment by social care and involvement of the Local Authority to provide and co-ordinate services and support to them. Actions will include all of the above and:

Submit EHA to Local Authority Vulnerable Child Meeting or referral to Initial Response Team or existing SW or MAT worker to escalate; if S47 follow usual procedures

- Complete the Risk Assessment Toolkit and Single Assessment and note what threshold (using DDSCP Threshold Document) is met for intervention
- Follow CRE flowchart; Manager to consult with agencies and then hold a CPM threshold discussion to agree and organise the appropriate meeting (CP, CIN, LAC) Note CRE risks can be reviewed in all levels of meeting agreed.
- Child and Family to be involved and invited to meetings as partners in safeguarding (unless complicit in the abuse).
- Any vulnerability identified, supported and an action plan agreed in CRE or CP meeting to address all concerns, i.e. Crime Prevention Team, Modern Slavery Team and County Lines/CRE team support/oversight
- Referral for specialist CRE support for young person and parents including CHISVA and Derbyshire Cares (Catch 22), Barnardo's if there is modern slavery identified etc.
- Offer of therapeutic support from CAMHS, CAU, SV2, STEPS, and Women's Work etc.
- Offer of positive mentoring and diversionary activities -Referral to specialist services via CIN/CP/LAC meeting.
- Identify connected individuals who may increase risks or may themselves be at risk and refer appropriately
- Close monitoring for any escalation in risk
- Support before, during and after court

- Shared intelligence re persons or places that pose a risk to the child and coordinated disruption or other appropriate police action via Operation Liberty Forms and professional core groups/network meetings etc.

### **Services for children with a High Risk of CRE**

All of the above and:

- CRE trigger plan on the Police systems and allocated police officer
- Discussion at the high-risk Police and Partners Tasking Meetings
- Consideration for additional funding opportunities to support the work such as priority families
- Intensive support from specialist contracted CRE services, social care and therapeutic services
- Strategy meetings as required in line with local procedures, with consideration of the need for a Child protection plan – depending largely on risk of significant harm and family ability to protect and report concerns appropriately
- Coordinated police investigation and multi-agency support to aid prosecution of any identified offenders, places, or persons of concern

In exceptional circumstances children may come into care as a protective measure. We would rarely consider secure placements unless all other measures would fail to protect the child, or they are high risk to self or others. Note there has to be no other option available before secure placements can be considered.

All work must be coordinated and delivered through a range of professionals and take into consideration the different factors and impacts of exploitation, including practical, physical, psychological, behavioural impacts. Some areas of work have mandatory reporting criteria such as Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage, so procedures and reporting timeframes must be followed where these exploitative issues are identified.

The safeguarding plans must be unique to each child and must consider the direct risk to and from them (if there is dual status of victim and offender). The safety plans must take account of any place based or peer/adult or environmental risk (contextual risks), and a plan agreed that identifies where they are most at risk, from whom, who else is at risk and what actions can reduce or remove those risks to the child or others.