



## **DERBY CITY CHILD EXPLOITATION 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 at possible risk of CRE will have a risk assessment completed, that includes common indicators of exploitation, vulnerability factors and history/contextual factors, to identify their level of risk and to agree what support is required. This assessment will also identify all areas of vulnerability and ensure the relevant referrals are made, i.e. to a missing strategy, children who present a significant risk to others, for support re family issues or for emotional and health matters.

Some children at risk of CRE will be receiving additional input due to other needs such as Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) or due to suffering significant bereavements etc. so the work will be tailored and prioritised to meet individual Childrens needs. The following responses should complement any other services they receive.

No child under 13 years of age 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. Referrals to other services are made as appropriate.

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

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 Risk assessment 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 educational and supportive groups
- Preventing and reducing absence, isolation and escalation of risk
- Healthy relationships and rights work, such as understanding consent
- Building self esteem
- Understanding on and offline risks to CRE
- Diversionary activities

- Introduction to positive activities and positive friendships
- Share relevant information of concern via Operation Liberty Forms

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

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 meeting as partners in safeguarding (unless complicit in the abuse).
- Additional vulnerabilities identified, supported and an action plan agreed to address all concerns
- Referral for specialist CRE support for young person and parents including CHISVA if progressed to court.
- 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 family ability to protect
- Coordinated police investigation and support to aid prosecution of any identified offenders

In exceptional circumstances children may come into care as a protective measure. We would rarely consider secure placements unless all other measures have failed to protect and the child was at high risk of serious harm. 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. Some areas of work have mandatory reporting criteria such as Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage, therefore, procedures and reporting timeframes must be followed where these exploitative issues are identified.

The safeguarding plans must be unique to each child and consider the direct risk to them from all areas of their lives. We must also consider if there is risk from a child to another (peer on peer abuse), if there is dual status of victim and offender. The safety plans must have an understanding of where they are most at risk, from whom, who else is at risk and what actions can be taken to reduce or remove those risks to the child or others.