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Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this short report is to inform the Ethics, Integrity and Complaints Committee of the developments within the police and multi-agency response to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR). This is intended to provide assurance to the committee that the police and multi-agency response to CSE is now very different to that seen in the recent past.

Developments

2. In August 2014 Professor Alexis Jay produced a report on the Independent enquiry into CSE in Rotherham (1997-2013). It followed high profile criminal trials and opportunities for improvement. Around the same time DCC Bannister led the setup of the CSE Executive for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The group compiled senior representation of Health, Local Authorities and the Police. The group have successfully led a number of issues including the response to PCC funding; an enquiry hub and improved communications.
3. In 2016 a multi-agency CSE team was launched which currently consists of Police, Leicestershire Children's Social Care, Leicester City Children's Social Care, Rutland Children's Social Care and Health colleagues. In January 2017 this team collocated at the Safeguarding Hub at Wigston Police Station. The team is made up of Police Detectives and Investigators, CSE Social Workers, Specialist CSE Nurses, a CSE analyst, a psychologist, CSE outreach workers and Parent/Guardian Support workers. The team is headed by a Children's Social Care Service Manager and a Detective Inspector.
4. The team identifies, prevents and disrupts CSE offences, provides bespoke victim care and brings offenders to justice.

5. Frontline staff across LLR have been trained in and are aware of CSE and the CSE risk factors. They are able to identify CSE and make appropriate referrals. The links between CSE and missing from home episodes are understood and recognised.
6. There is a daily CSE risk assessment meeting within the multi-agency team, a weekly intelligence meeting and a monthly tasking and coordination group which identifies the strategic CSE risks. This allows the threats, risks, emerging issues and trends to be identified and action taken to protect victims and prevent offences. This is a bespoke process which has been designed and implemented within the LLR.
7. The Team reports to the LLR CSE Operations Group which in turn reports to the LLR CSE Executive chaired by DCC Bannister.
8. An information sharing tool has been designed and embedded which allows frontline practitioners across all agencies to share information with the team to build and enrich the intelligence picture and feed into the daily risk assessment meeting to ensure that no information/intelligence is missed or not actioned.
9. Leicestershire Police has created Safeguarding PCSO's which act upon single strand intelligence to build the intelligence picture to again ensure that no information/intelligence is missed or not actioned and child left at risk of harm.
10. A CSE Communications Officer has recently been employed and is engaged in creating an LLR CSE Communications Strategy to raise awareness of CSE and help members of the public identify CSE and then take action to inform the team. This follows on from Kayleigh's Love Story which was shown to school children across LLR and led directly to disclosures of CSE.
11. Leicestershire Police also has a dedicated non recent investigation team based within the Child Abuse Investigation Unit. This team of detectives is responsible for investigating non recent child abuse and ensures that disclosures whenever they are made are thoroughly investigated and offenders brought to justice.

Summary

12. Across LLR we now have a multi-agency CSE Team (police are an integral partner) which identifies, prevents and disrupts CSE offences, provides bespoke victim care and brings offenders to justice. Frontline staff are now able to recognise and identify CSE and make the appropriate referrals which allows CSE to be tackled.

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