## Wigan Children’s Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Strategy
2013/16

### Our Vision: We will all proactively work in partnership to keep children safe from sexual exploitation

Child sexual exploitation is an illegal activity by people who have power over young people and use it to sexually abuse them.

### Current Picture
- Barnardo’s report that in the period between 2010/11 and 2011/12 the number of sexually exploited children nationally increased by 22%.
- In Wigan the number of Sexual Exploitation and Missing (SEAM) meetings have increased by 19% between the period of 2011/12 and 2012/13. In 2012/2013 there were 208 SEAM meetings held.
- Since 2008 Wigan has adopted a pro-active approach to addressing the needs and risk by children & young people who are at risk of sexual exploitation and who go missing from home.
- This approach has been recognised as being Outstanding by Ofsted (2012) and highlights the strong commitment from partnership agencies such as Health, Wigan & Leigh Housing and GMP.
- The Wigan model has also been adopted by other Local Authorities.

### Offer of a Model of Service Delivery
- Develop Specialist Multi-Agency Single Points of Contact and Locality Champions for key agencies including Health, Social Care, Gateway and Police.
- A review of our therapeutic support response to children assessed as at high risk of CSE.
- Adopt an intelligence based response model when reviewing licencing applications.
- Ensure information systems enable a joined up multi-agency approach to prevention, monitoring and case tracking.
- Dedicated CSE foster carers for those children most at risk.
- Work with the voluntary sector and partners in commissioning an early intervention offer.
- Deliver a universal education and marketing package to the children and young people. CSE training offer to every school.
- Engage with our local communities and raise awareness of CSE and how it affects individuals and wider communities.

### Our shared key strategic priorities - The 5 Ps

#### Prevent
By making it more difficult to exploit children

#### Protect
By identifying and safeguarding children who are at risk

#### Pursue & Prosecute
By identifying offenders, disrupting and stopping their activity and improving prosecutions

\[ \text{Public Confidence} \]

By increasing awareness and understanding amongst practitioners and the wider public

### Measures of Success

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### CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
The more you know, the more you see.
STRATEGIC ACTION 1: Deliver an effective co-ordinated training, community and schools awareness programme through a multi-agency “Learning, Development and Awareness Strategy”.

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:
- All staff will receive training on CSE at a level appropriate to their role within the organisation and their involvement with children and young people, specifically those working with high risk groups.
- Educate our children and young people to associated dangers to prevent and enable them to protect themselves.

STRATEGIC ACTION 2: Develop a multi-agency Media/Communication strategy to ensure consistent and accurate messages are shared with all, in support of public awareness and improved confidence in delivery.

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:
- There will be multi-agency agreement on when/what/how to share local intelligence with the public and staff on local CSE activity, intelligence and hotspots.
- Utilise online technologies and social media to ensure communications reach a wide range of people.
- Proactively engage and educate local businesses whose service types are historically linked to CSE, such as pubs, bars and taxis.
- Hold awareness sessions with identified community and faith groups.

STRATEGIC ACTION 3: Ensure single and multi-agency processes and procedures are effective, efficient and fit for purpose to support the safeguarding of children and young people from the risks and impact of CSE.

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:
- Procedure review for key teams including pathways between partner agencies to ensure effective tasking and co-ordination of activities across the partnership.
- Ensure the Voice and Influence of children and young people is embedded in procedures and service improvement.
- All agencies will ensure their Information Systems and Standards can effectively support the delivery partnership and enable case tracking and monitoring to ensure effective and efficient services for children and young people.
- There will be regular, and good quality supervision and management oversight of service delivery.

STRATEGIC ACTION 4: Ensure there is effective protection, support and guidance for victims and potential victims of CSE.

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:
- There will be a rolling programme of targeted preventative support for high risk groups of children and young people including building trust to report incidents of CSE or attempted CSE.
- Ensure there is a framework of support for victims and witnesses throughout the criminal justice process.
- Ensure that victims receive support following prosecution regardless of outcome.

STRATEGIC ACTION 5: Continue to monitor the risk factors of young people referred to SEAM so that this may influence service delivery in the future.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS:
- Increased number of agencies trained.
- Increase in uptake of the number of parents trained in CSE Awareness.
- Increase in the number of referrals from Universal and Preventative Services.
- Increase in the number of referrals from parents and young people.

STRATEGIC ACTION 6: Proactively identify and disrupt places of CSE activity.

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:
- Ensure that we proactively seek and respond to information and intelligence quickly and appropriately.
- Map hotspot locations across the borough.
- Conduct targeted engagement in areas of vulnerability and identified hotspots.
- Conduct debriefs of convicted offenders to gain an improved intelligence picture of offender behaviour.
- Develop CSE problem profile, incorporating data from improved intelligence collection and data from all agencies.

STRATEGIC ACTION 7: Ensure perpetrators are brought to justice.

HOW WE WILL DELIVER:
- Gather and share intelligence to ensure proactive identification of offenders or persons showing at risk of offending.
- Create a toolkit for investigations based on NWG best practice to maximise perpetrators being brought to justice.
- Ensure effective offender management strategy.
- Research will be undertaken to understand the motivation and behaviour of perpetrators and to identify common indicators of persons likely to commit CSE.
- Ensure abduction warnings and notices are utilised appropriately and followed through.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS:
- Increase in the number of Abduction Warning Notices served.
- Increase in the number of prosecutions for CSE crimes.
- Increase in the number of convictions for CSE crimes.
- Identification of CSE hotspots.