

# Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth & Southampton

Quarterly professionals update from the HIPS Child Exploitation Group - Summer 2022

The HIPS partners continue to work together to tackle child exploitation and the different risks to children that the pandemic has brought. This newsletter keeps professionals in all four areas up-to-date with issues and progress discussed in the HIPS Child Exploitation meetings and to flag up local and national campaigns.

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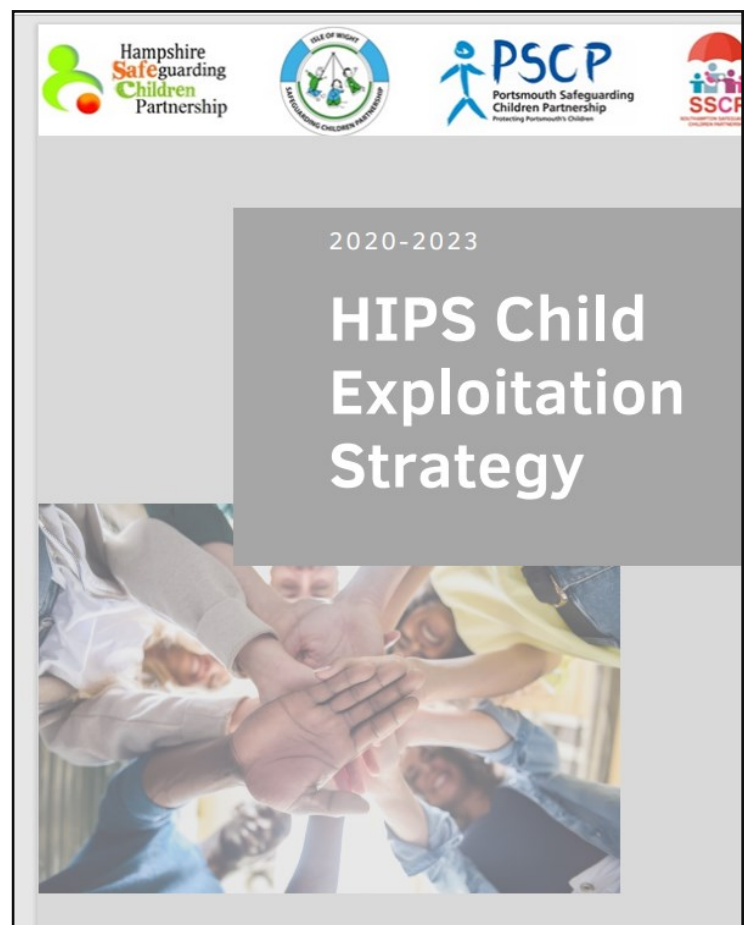


The evaluation of the Lurking Trolls programme will be taken forward locally, with each LSCP assessing the impact in its own area. Schools and settings that received the resources should look out for this survey dropping into their inbox .

# A message from the HIPS Strategic Child Exploitation Group Chair

I have been the chair of the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton (HIPS) Child Exploitation group since its inception in late 2018. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to lead this group as it has grown and the collaboration across the four areas has improved enormously. Working with dedicated people who want to make a difference and improve outcomes for children and families makes my role easier. We are also provided some reality by input from our youth commission members who sit on the group also.

We have developed a [HIPS Child Exploitation Strategy](#), setting out how we will work together to identify and protect children at risk of exploitation with and across the HIPS LSCP's. This strategy is well underway with each Local Safeguarding Partnership coordinating the local delivery and being supported really well by the HIPS wide operational group. It has been great to see how new approaches and learning opportunities are being shared on a HIPS basis, resulting in numerous multi agency virtual webinars and training packages. Campaigns and education to prevent exploitation have been designed and have been rolled out across our four areas, and the group produces this quarterly newsletter, which is shared widely across multiple partnerships.



I am stepping away from the chair as I leave policing, but will be handing over to Detective Superintendent Mandy Horsburgh. Mandy is the Head of Public Protection in policing and will bring passion and a fresh outlook to the group.

Thank you,

Scott.

## News from across the Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships

### IOWSCP

Following the release of new JTAI guidance for criminal exploitation, the IOW will be updating its mapping exercise. Use of RAG ratings has helped provide a clearer picture of progress. As new risks develop these have been added to the local plan. It was noted that the findings of the 'It was Hard to Escape' report are aimed at strategic/commissioning level and were not so straightforward to map against.

### PSCP

Welcome to the new Head of Adolescents and Young Adults for Portsmouth City Council, Keely Mitchell! We continue to work on the implementation of our delivery plan, and continually seeking to engage partners in our training programme to improve the identification and response to children at risk of, or being harmed by, exploitation.

### HSCP

Over recent months significant progress has been made in progressing the delivery plan, with a number of actions being closed. The few remaining actions are interlinked to other pieces of work that should be completed over the summer. Following the approach of the IOW, the Hampshire group intends to map itself against the new [JTAI framework](#) and the ['It was Hard to Escape' report](#).

### SSCP

Key priorities for the next 12 months include the creation of a safeguarding adolescents framework. Southampton have previously conducted mapping against the 'It was Hard to Escape' report in 2020. A thematic Child Exploitation deep dive is progressing regarding Child Exploitation and is due to conclude in June. The Young People's Service in Southampton is developing, including early help and statutory interventions where there are contextual safeguarding issues for those aged 13-18 (there is some flex in this age range). A Youth Hub is also due to open over the summer.

**Please contact your local Safeguarding Children Partnership Team at:**

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Portsmouth—[PSCP@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:PSCP@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

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**It was hard  
to escape**

Safeguarding children at risk  
from criminal exploitation



## Hampshire Constabulary Update

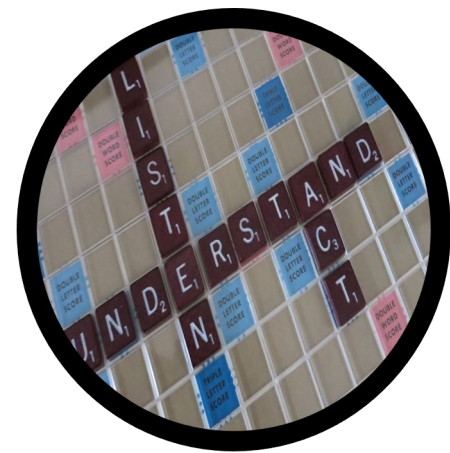
The Basingstoke Custody Pilot is ongoing. This is where Police notify Children’s Services in the first hour of a young person coming into custody. From the pilot so far, some learning points have been identified for both agencies. A piece of work is underway looking at the costings and timeliness of different missing person investigations. This is a three month pilot as part of the HMICFRS action plan.

## New Resource—Introducing the Child Criminal Exploitation Teaching Toolkit—Arriving soon

This project has worked to develop resources for children in mainstream education.

The project included filming locally in partnership with children and a local media company. COVID –19 lockdowns and national restrictions caused some delay in the filming.

A series of five short films covering different exploitation themes and a supporting resources pack have been created. The scripts were drafted by a member of the Hampshire Willow Team. Young people were engaged in the process to quality assure the wording and styling. The aim is to have the Toolkit available for all schools in the HIPS area for years 7-9. So watch this space!



## Exhibition - The real faces of Modern Slavery: unmasking the truth

Please note that this exhibition will be moving from the Allen Gallery, Alton on 26th June. It will resume at the Winchester and Gosport Discovery Centres and run from 5th July to 31st July .

See the last page of the newsletter for a full description of the exhibition.

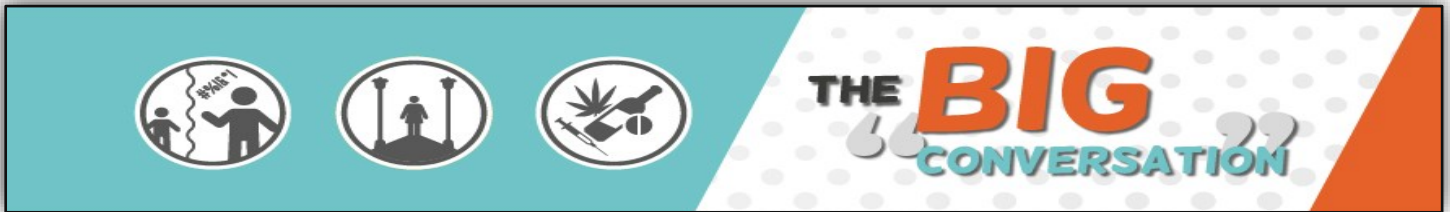






# An update from the Youth Commissioners

So far, the results of the Big Conversation survey show that the top priority for young people is Safe on the Streets. There have been over 650 responses since we launched the survey in January of this year, primarily from under 18s. Some of the common concerns identified include: harassment of girls both in and out of uniform, antisocial behaviour, knife crime and hate crimes. There is a general fear of reporting crimes due to negative experiences, including not having concerns taken seriously or acted upon. Young people are calling for a greater police presence, better lighting, CCTV, and security. Most commonly they want better education about crime prevention and reporting. Spreading awareness of anonymous reporting services would be a good start and is something we are actively trying to promote but would appreciate assistance with.



Separate to the Big Conversation, members of the Youth Commission are working with the Violence Against Women and Girls taskforce to identify ways to reduce crime rates. I also reviewed a research proposal from Health and Care Research Wales on the service outcomes of criminally exploited children in the area and would suggest contacting the local universities about whether any similar studies have been conducted in HIPS.

Over the coming weeks we will be continuing to collect survey responses, targeting schools and colleges before the summer and universities for Freshers in September. Once we have sufficient data, we can begin to analyse it for patterns in responses across age groups and areas. Additionally, the Substance Misuse team will be asked to look out for mention of county lines and local peer drug networks within their responses. Finally, I will be sharing the Child Criminal Exploitation toolkit with the commission for feedback on both the films and resources although I agree with the sentiment from the meeting that these are a more effective method of sharing information than theatre group productions.

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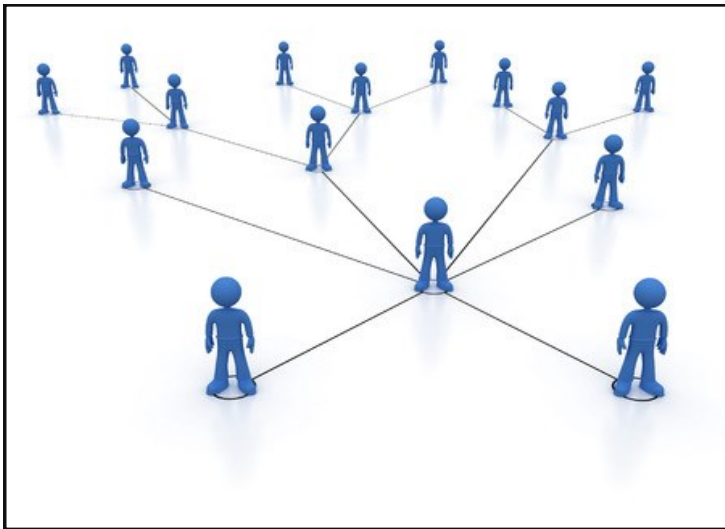
## Local Peer Drug Networks

There has been a significant focus on County Lines as an exploitation model for many years now and rightly so given the model is about making money illegally by using vulnerable people to move drugs and money around from gang-specific areas to our local communities. There are many reasons why this method of importing drugs is a successful model but in many cases there is harm to children.

It is clear that County Lines abuse children with little regard to their needs and they are often just seen as a commodity with high levels of violence and risk for some of our most vulnerable children.

We have noted an ever-increasing model based around local communities that we know as Local Peer Drug Networks. Often, we see high or increasing levels of anti-social behaviour like shoplifting and theft, as well as harm and threats in the community. This often leads to drug dealing and so the exploitation and harm is wider than just what you are likely to see in a County Line.

There is often a more subtle level of grooming and abuse because peer exploitation can involve family members and a child's own group of friends to which loyalties can be deeply embedded, and so makes it much harder to break the cycle of abuse and grooming as they may well have known these people for many years. Another issue is that young people are trying to find their way through their teenage years and may be involved because they really want to fit in with their peer group.



What we also know is that the community impact can be devastating, with examples of communities living in fear from threats and increasing levels of violence and harm. People feel unable to report and involve professional support as they have a very real fear of either their family or friends being harmed.

The business model of local peer drug networks is often normalised in communities, and children or older teens go on to develop their own drug distribution systems - so keeping the cycle of abuse alive, with younger children and family being groomed and trafficked.

The answer to this involves a wide community response and reporting of crimes. Firstly, we need to be disrupting the mechanisms that allow class A and B drugs to come to our area and it is also key to educate children in making safer choices and the risks around being groomed. We need better local youth facilities and safe places and spaces for children. Further, we need activity that targets and disrupts individual adults who exploit children and so really good community reporting of crime and professional curiosity that supports a **clear intelligence picture (see over page for Community Partnership Information sharing)**. Children are key to the success in this and it is really important to listen to their voices and act on what they say.

***Remember if you are concerned a child is at risk of harm please refer to the Children's Services Department in your local authority area.***

## Sharing Intelligence - CPI Forms (Community Partnership Information)

Hampshire police would like partner agencies to submit intelligence on CPI forms to ensure we build intelligence cases on perpetrators who are exploiting children, and to ensure that the police have accurate information to safeguard children when for instance they go missing.

### Examples of Information Required (What, When, Where, How)

**Car** – Make, Model, Colour, Registration Plate, Where Seen

**Descriptions** – Clothing, Hair Type & Colour, Skin Tone, Tattoos, Piercings, Height, Weight

**Friends/Associates** – Names, Ages, Known Addresses

**Addresses** – Places & Spaces requested as drop off/collection points

**Telephone Numbers** – Theirs, Friends, seen on paper in room

**Changes to a Phone Number or Additional Phones**

**Nicknames or Gang Names & Slang Words**


**Pocket Litter** – Train Tickets, Receipts, Drug Wraps

**Upcoming Events** – Parties, Gatherings, Street Fights

**Worrying Changes in Behaviour**

**Travel** – Where To, Who With, How,

**Out of County 'Running'** – Where & How

		Community Partnership Information		AD362
This form is used for the sharing of non-urgent information by partner agencies. It can also be used to share information about MAPPA offenders.				
This is not a referral form, nor does it replace any pre-existing referral or notification mechanism				
This information may be sanitised and used in subsequent partnership forums for the purposes of identifying and mitigating risk. Further guidance on how to use the form and what it can be used for can be found on the dedicated Safe4me Information Sharing web-page: <a href="http://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/">www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/</a>				
Any other questions regarding this form can be raised with your police contact or via the email below.				
Completed forms should be sent electronically to <a href="mailto:247-intel@hampshire.pnn.police.uk">247-intel@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</a>				
<b>Your Details</b>				
Name				
Organisation				
Telephone		Email		
<b>Information</b>				
including date and location				

*Please be confident in sending in information, if it's wrong the information is safe and the 24/7 Team will action the information appropriately*

***A CPI is not a safeguarding alternative. Remember, if you are concerned a child is at risk of harm please refer to the Children's Services Department in your local authority area.***

**If you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child—or adult— please call the police on 999.**

## MODERN SLAVERY PARTNERSHIP



### Exhibition: The real faces of Modern Slavery: unmasking the truth

This is a journey through the compelling stories of survivors identified and supported within our surrounding area, with visual and audio content depicting their experiences past and present and their future aspirations as they start to attempt to rebuild their lives. An educational experience with an insight into Modern Slavery with factual information, dispelling the common myths. Please see a sneak preview of the accompanying [video](#).

"A journey through the compelling stories of modern slavery survivors"

**NOW SHOWING**

ANNOUNCING

*The real faces of Modern Slavery: unmasking the truth*

THE EXHIBITION

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<b>Westbury Manor, Fareham</b> 5 October to 14 November 2021	<b>Southampton Central Library</b> 12 April to 13 May 2022
<b>Portsmouth Libraries</b> Southsea: 16 November to 3 December 2021 Cosham: 6 December to 17 December 2021 Portsmouth Central: 20 December 2021 to 10 January 2022	<b>Allen Gallery, Alton</b> 14 May to 26 June, 2022
<b>Eastleigh Museum</b> 15 January to 26 Feb 2022	<b>Winchester and Gosport Discovery Centres</b> 5 July to 31 July 2022
<b>33 High Street, Newport, IOW</b> 28 February to 26 March 2022	<b>Fareham Library and Basingstoke Discovery Centre</b> 3 August to 7 September 2022
	<b>Andover Museum</b> 17 September to 30 October 2022

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