

# Children and Families Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny Monitoring – 28 March 2019

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24/01/19	LSCB Annual Report – 2017/18	1) That a briefing note outlining the key measures within the Home Education (Duty of Local Authorities) Bill is circulated to the Panel.	Parliamentary briefing on the Home Education (Duty of Local Authorities) Bill circulated to the Panel on 30/01/19 <a href="https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN05108#fullreport">https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN05108#fullreport</a>	Completed
		2) That the Panel are provided with an update on progress with regards to the implementation of the recommendations from the thematic report on on-line safety. The Panel requested specific detail relating to the adoption by schools of anonymous reporting tools.	<p>Recommendations have been translated into actions and the progress of these is monitored every 6 months at the LSCB Serious Case Review Group. At the completion of the review a workshop was held by the LSCB Chair and coordinator attended by Southampton school and safeguarding leads. A summary of this progress is below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All schools should use the 360 Degree Safe Tool. LSCB team attended a DSLs Network to brief on review findings and promote this tool. An online safety web page is being developed by LSCB. LSCB is working closely with the SCC lead for safeguarding in schools to promote the tool and have received positive feedback on its use particularly from largest secondary in the city.</li> <li>• All Schools should adopt anonymous reporting tools for young people to report concerns without fear of repercussion. Many schools have this in place via a number of online mechanisms. Southampton LSCB is working with the 4 boards in Hants and IOW (4LSCB) to develop an online safety package for primary education called 'Lurking Trolls', this includes a website with a 'report' button. The LSCB webpage for 'online safety' is in development and will include reporting options.</li> <li>• The LSCB should renew its guidance for online safety education to cover children's mental health (self-harm, eating disorders, body image, etc.). A pan Hampshire online safety policy exists and is available on the 4LSCB procedures website. The current version covers the issues of bullying, sexting, extremist groups,</li> </ul>	

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			<p>pornography, sexual abuse, grooming and sexual images, in the light of this review there is a need to also include mental health impacts. This procedure is subject to review by the 4LSCB group. Along with revitalising this document the LSCB will raise awareness to ensure that it is used to increase awareness and influence practice on this issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinated training should be provided across the city linking children’s mental health and online technology. Work with other areas in 4LSCB to identify needs and requirements of Online Safety training to include mental health and technology. Learn from the recent case of Molly Russell.</li> <li>• The LSCB and schools should have a more proactive relationship in providing staff and governor training, particularly on statutory responsibilities and legal issues. LSCB is working closely with the lead for safeguarding in education from SCC. We have ascertained that Governors do have safeguarding and online safety training, we are looking to see how this can be improved / built on as a result of this review.</li> </ul>	
		<p>3) That a precis of the collaborative activity undertaken by the LSCB relating to the issue of County Lines drug supply is circulated to the Panel.</p>	<p>Southampton LSCB is part of a newly established strategic 4LSCB Child Exploitation Group. This is attended by local service leads from all safeguarding partners and also attended by Simon Clancy from the SE Regional Organised Crime Unit. The group is Chaired by Det Supt Mackechnie who is the Police lead for Serious Organised Crime at Hampshire Constabulary. National intensification operational activities have recently taken place in the 4LSCB area including Southampton, these focus on county lines activity. Recent Police newsletter on this suggests the results as below:</p> <p>Results of County Lines Intensification week (Jan 21 – 28):</p>	

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			<p>Officers from Southampton took part in a national week of action tackling county lines drugs networks. Operations took place across the Hampshire and IOW. The activity and enforcement in Southampton resulted in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 Arrested for various offences but include concerned in the supply of class A.</li> <li>• 2 voluntary interviews conducted under caution</li> <li>• 2 out of court disposals.</li> <li>• 40 safeguarding visits – 30 of these were as a result of some joint work/information from SCC by SE.</li> <li>• 14 Stop searches.</li> <li>• 3 warrants executed.</li> <li>• Joint working with SCC and BTP</li> </ul> <p>County Lines has been a standing agenda item at local and county Child Exploitation Groups and has been reviewed at Southampton LSCB Main Board, providing partners with up-to-date statistics on where the issues are, number of arrests etc.</p> <p>Two ‘weekly Wednesday workshops’ run by the Police MET team have been held in the city and more targeted training is planned in the coming months for staff from various agencies to find out more about how county lines drug dealing is run, how to spot the signs of criminal exploitation and where to go to report and gain support.</p>	
24/01/19	Children and Families - Performance	1) That consideration is given to including in the suite of performance measures the number of children and young people subject to a SERAF (Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment Form).	<p>It is not possible to report on the data in the form requested and a single line entry or indeed multiple lines entry for SERAFs would still give an incomplete picture as counting instances alone has little value.</p> <p>It is recommended that a single thematic report is produced with numbers from the data team and narrative from the service that could be presented at a future Children and Families Scrutiny Panel meeting.</p>	