

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)



Staff Development

Online CSE training is offered by the NYSCB and the take-up of this product is significant with 695 professionals undertaking this training since its launch in September 2015. Level II and level III training for practitioners and managers has also been developed and this is well attended by practitioners; some of whom have identified direct impact as a result of the learning. All NYSCB training has been scrutinised and developed where necessary to ensure that CSE is a consistent theme which runs through all courses.

NYSCB has delivered three CSE multi-agency conferences across the county, attended by in excess of 600 practitioner and managers from all sectors and NYSCB is assured that CSE is addressed in all levels of safeguarding children training within the work of colleagues, and aware that alerts are now being added to case files where CSE is an element of the case.

TEWV trust bulletin has included information and resources regarding CSE and is seen by a wide range of health colleagues. A safeguarding concern alert care document has been added to the patient care records and is making it easier for clinicians to identify areas of, including risk of CSE.

CSE is included in Level 1 training for all staff working in the four NY&Y CCGs. and has formed part of the "HOT TOPICS" Level 3 update training for GPs, Practice Nurses and senior Primary Healthcare staff. In the 2016/17 package, the messages have been emphasised using a case study approach and the distribution of NHE England CSE Advice for Health Staff. A conference for Named GP is planned for October with, CSE part of conference agenda..

Multi-agency arrangements

In October 2015 NYSCB, police and Designated Nurse, led on development of the VEMT Practitioner Group (VPG) process across all agencies. This process is now embedded and undergoing it's first formal review.

VEMT was established across NY to ensure that multi-agency discussions are held regularly regarding victims and perpetrators and to discuss geographic/community issues locally. Information from local meetings is collated and assists in providing an improved picture of CSE across North Yorkshire.

VEMT has substantial commitment and goodwill from partners and is becoming more effective and influential in co-ordinating practice.

The involvement of a practice champion from Children and Families Service is extremely positive and there has been a marked, county wide increase in awareness regarding CSE and protective messages are getting out to young people more effectively through tailored materials.

The Designated Nurses have supported the process of ensuring relevant health provider representation at VPG meetings and have collated feedback to inform the review of the VPG process. NYP has supported the employment of a co-ordinator to administrate the process and this funding forms a long term commitment to the process.

Police colleagues have chaired the VPG meetings across the county to date and this arrangement is currently under review in order to engage a wider range of partners to perform the role.

Partners

Schools can access PSHE network meetings for both primary and secondary schools. At secondary network meetings teachers received an update on CSE and were consulted about the Web of Lies resource, to help develop a teaching resource that would support them teach CSE in the classroom. At the summer PSHE network meeting for primary schools, the resource, 'Alright Charlie' was shared along with the teaching pack and pupils' supporting workbook and Web of lies has now been distributed to all secondary schools in NY.

Sex and Relationships Education training for primary schools has been running for the past two years and about 200 schools have accessed the training which includes; aspects of grooming, CSE, online safety and supporting resources, so safety messages can be taught from early years upwards. Schools have accessed this training for their whole staff team or for a cluster of schools. The training for primary schools and training for secondary schools is running again this academic year.

The Sex and Relationships Education Guidance for schools clearly references CSE both in relation to the curriculum and where to access training and further supporting information. The online safety guidance and LGBT guidance for schools is currently being updated and will also directly reference CSE. All schools receive a termly Health and Wellbeing newsletter which always has an update about CSE; new curriculum resources, signposting to the CSE practice guide and training materials.

North Yorkshire Police have developed, the Vulnerability Assessment team who regularly assess and develop information and intelligence in respect of the threat of CSE to young people. Police officers and staff have undertaken significant awareness training of CSE over the last 12 months which has included team briefings and CSE training days. The force also developed a CSE toolkit available to officers to help them tackle the threat of CSE. NYP has created an internal intranet page on CSE for staff and an external internet page for the public on CSE.

Children's Social Care managers have visited all teams to raise awareness of the NYSCB CSE practice guidance and have developed workshops in each of the areas for social workers and family support workers focusing on:

- raising awareness on CSE,
- looking at the risks for boys,
- trafficking and NRM
- the psychological elements of CSE and trauma

Collective Ambition

To; develop the risk scoring matrix for VPG meetings

- Improve balance of conversations regarding perpetrators and victims at VPG
- Improve liaison with private children's homes locally
- Build networks between VPG and similar arrangements in neighbouring LA's.
- Improve access to and range of online and classroom training
- Develop signposting for professionals and young people regarding where they can get help.
- Target training for primary schools
- Increase the quality of plans in relation to addressing CSE
- Further embed the use of the risk guidance tool across the county
- Increase professional confidence, knowledge and use of the NRM.
- Reduce number of CSE victims as earlier interventions addresses risk
- Continue to increase professional and public awareness
- Develop robust internal processes to support risk assessment in General Practice.
- SCOT team to visit young people at local authority children's units and access young farmers to raise awareness of CSE.
- York NHS Trust to develop a risk assessment tool to assess vulnerability including CSE for use on children's wards and in the ED.
- Development of the 'Yorsexual Health' website to include information on CSE to signpost young people/parents/professionals to specialist websites.
- Additional multi agency focus on identifying and disrupting perpetrators

Tools and resources

CSC produces a monthly report to explore and analyse patterns and trends and are driving the use of the practice guidance and risk guidance tool on all cases. The service has developed new posts of; VEMT coordinator and CSE and Missing Champions in each area to drive current agenda to support less experienced workers and track cases. Monthly meetings are undertaken with NYP to share information and the CSE coordinator attends regional meetings with CSE leads across Yorkshire and Humberside area.

Audit of cases where CSE is a risk has been undertaken within C&F service, exploring plans and current interventions and a CSE Policy is being developed. CSE is one of key topics discussed at Safeguarding Children Health Professionals Network – this meeting also includes feedback from national CSE group in NHS England. NHS England in conjunction with NYP has been involved in the commissioning of the Child Sexual Abuse Assessment Service at York Hospital. The Centre went

live in November 2015 and provides a service for children and young people who are victims of sexual abuse/assault. The service covers North Yorkshire and York. A number of young people have attended the service who are at risk of, or are victims of CSE and the service has been able to provide a therapeutic service and ensure children and young people receive the correct follow up support.

The specialist community outreach team; SCOT deliver training to professional's in order to raise awareness regarding CSE, and attended a NYSCB conference for private schools in July 2016, and other health promotion events. The service go into schools and colleges and deliver bespoke training aimed at 16-18 year olds on CSE, consent etc. and deliver basic sexual health awareness training which is for all professionals and which includes CSE.

York Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, as part of their statutory training provides a 3 hour training session at level 3 on working with young people and CSE for staff working within the Trust who regularly have contact with children.

Impact

In 2015 NYSCB undertook a practitioner audit of multi-agency responses to CSE across the county which identified some excellent multi-agency working. Safeguarding practitioners had a variable and developing understanding of CSE, a developing awareness of indicators of risk and were increasingly identifying young people at risk of, or victims of CSE. Practitioners described growing professional confidence and knowledge of tools for direct work, although tools in regard to working with disabled children were identified as more limited. Discussions took place regarding the use of potentially 'victim blaming language' and identified staff were not making consistent links between CSE and trafficking. Practitioners had limited awareness of their responsibilities as first responders within the NRM and in some cases plans did not specifically address issues of CSE and define strategies to mitigate risk. Most of the practitioners were aware of the NYSCB Multi-agency practice guidance in respect of CSE but the document was not consistently utilised to consider risk and harm. **As a result of these findings the NYSCB has;**

- Further developed and re-launched the CSE practice guidance and vulnerability check list to support practitioners when making assessments.
- Developed VEMT practitioner groups with police commitment to financial support for co-ordination
- Say something if you see something Campaign re-launched March 2016
- VEMT conference held March 2016
- One Minute guide NRM developed.
- New level II and III CSE classroom courses developed and delivered.
- CSE online resource procured and available to all staff on NYSCB free of charge.
- Development of the graphic novel 'web of lies'

Disruption

North Yorkshire Police provide the multiagency lead to disrupt perpetrators of CSE. This is done through a variety of covert and overt policing methods. NYP receive and manage all community intelligence in respect of CSE.

Partners in NY are strongly engaged in multi-agency meetings regarding children and in which information is shared. The range of meetings assists in ensuring that risks are understood and disruption activity takes place.

A partnership intelligence sharing form has been developed by partners and appears on the NYSCB website and in the practice guidance. The form is widely publicised in single and multi-agency training and provides additional intelligence to police colleagues supporting disruption activity. This information is also used to support VPG meetings and to inform the development of services.

NYSCB is an active member of the National Working Group and partners are also members as a result of NYSCB's corporate membership. The NWG provides research, support, information and resources for workers in regard to CSE. The board, supported locally by the CSSG's, provided information to partners and promoted the 'Say Something if you See Something' awareness raising campaign on National CSE day ; March 18th. A number of events were held across the county to promote the re-launch of the 'Say Something if you See Something' campaign including high profile presence of the campaign in the community, a public drop in point, the delivery of training to holiday homes, local businesses and district councillors and volunteers visiting local businesses to discuss CSE.

NYSB is currently working with the Licensing Authority to ensure that all taxi drivers undertake mandatory online CSE training prior to obtaining a licence and is ambitious that this work develop in the future to include other service providers who require a license to do so.

YJS have introduced ASSETPlus which provides an improved framework for assessing vulnerability and includes specific reference to CSE. They have also had a leading role in partnership work to improve services to young people living in private children's homes in NY, several of which specialise in working with young CSE victims. YJS have developed a wider range of education and intervention materials for direct work with young people who may be at risk and have invited the Time2 project worker for the coast to be hosted in YJS office.

The Education and Skills team have developed a PSHE and Citizenship curriculum entitlement framework for key stages 1-4 which is available for all schools to access. The framework provides a number of age appropriate opportunities for pupils to learn about how to keep themselves and others safe. In relation to CSE specifically there is guidance on implementing a whole school approach to effective sex and relationships education and online safety. Alongside the framework there is reference to resources that schools could use to support teaching about CSE. The framework will be updated during August 2016 to ensure it is current and includes resources such as the 'Web of Lies' novel and DVD and 'Alright Charlie' resource which is aimed at year 6 pupils.

The Specialist Community Outreach Team, (SCOT), targets vulnerable young people and undertakes outreach work in relation to sexual health. The service uses an established and nationally recognised CSE risk assessment pro-forma developed for sexual health services called 'Spotting the Signs', this tool is completed for all under 18's who attend the sexual health service. The team also provide training for foster carers. The SCOT team regularly visit the privately run children's homes to meet with young people and also work with other vulnerable groups including young people with learning disabilities, youth justice, and learning centres. The team also attend YACRO, a sex worker support group which is for adults, some of whom are parents.

Young People

NYSCB has worked with young people to develop an awareness raising product for other young people 'Web of Lies'. The graphic novel has an accompanying DVD/lesson plan for use in PSHE lessons and this has been distributed to all schools in NY.

NYSCB have recently agreed to support an award winning project 'Helping Each Other' to train a group of disabled young people to deliver CSE awareness training to groups of their peers across the county.

NYSCB has worked with the NWG and with local CSSG's to raise awareness of the 'say something' campaign on national CSE day on March 18th. The campaign is aimed at young people and is a 24/7 supported help line.