**Trafford**

**Exploitation Panel**

**Terms of Reference**

**Review February 2020**

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| Committee Name: | Exploitation Panel |
| Accountable to: | Quality Assurance Exploitation/Complex Safeguarding Panel |
| Relevant Sub-Groups: | Information to be provided to the Exploitation Sub Board on a quarterly basis |
| Purpose: | That Panel members need to be clear in decision making surrounding risks and the aim of reducing the risk by acting upon information shared at Panel. The purpose of the Panel is to receive information about children who are considered to be at risk of exploitation. The planning regarding the reduction in the risk of exploitation for these children will be scrutinized and challenges made to agencies where necessary. The Panel does not make case planning decisions, but will refer these to relevant managers/agencies |
| Functions: | The Panel members will evaluate the progress/reduction in risk for the identified children (under 18 years of age).  This will be via :-  RMT to be updated every 3 months as a minimum or after a significant event;  SDQs to be completed on a 3 monthly basis.  Children to be discussed at Panel at a minimum every 3 months.  Actions not completed within the allocated time will be escalated by the chair to Team Leaders and/or Service Managers.  The Panel will identify themes and issues and refer these to the QA Exploitation Panel in order to inform any future service delivery agendas.  The Panel will be informed of any associated perpetrators, and ensure that disruption plans are in place.  The Panel will identify any “hotspots” or areas of concern and will ensure that disruption plans are in place  The following areas will be overseen within this Panel:   * Sexual Exploitation of children * Criminal Exploitation of children * Missing associated with exploitation * Human Trafficking * Exploitation via radicalization   **Referrals to Panel**  New cases will be referred to Panel with a completed RMT along with the New Case form. The RMT can be completed by any professional who has a positive relationship with the young person. It is agreed that for new cases the Social Worker will attend the initial Panel to present the information. If there are significant changes then the Social Worker will be invited back to update the Panel. Referral information should include the views of the child and parent/carer.  If another professional i.e. teacher, has a better relationship with the young person then they could also be invited to the initial meeting.  The Panel will only accept referrals regarding children who have Social Care involvement at the point of referral.  **Responsibilities of Panel Members**  It is a Panel Members responsibility to hold all agencies to account and to provide if work is not be undertaken to reduce risk.  All professionals have a responsibility to share the voice of the child; the professional with the trusted relationship to is lead work with the young person and gather their views. The Panel also needs to challenge effective work with the parent and disruption interventions.  **Children open to Shine**  These children are reviewed at Bronze Meetings between Police and Shine on either a fortnightly or monthly basis. Therefore, to avoid duplication their presentation at Exploitation Panel will be for information/updating purposes only.  **Children who go Missing**  The Panel Members will provide quality assurance and challenge if they become aware that Missing from Home/Care Procedures are not being adhered to.  **Children who are Trafficked**  The Panel Members will provide oversight of the children made subject to NRMs who are open to the Panel. They will also provide oversight of processes for children who require new NRM referrals.  **Children who are Radicalised**  These children are considered at the Channel Panel, therefore they will be considered at Exploitation Panel in relation to other exploitation concerns.  **Children closed to Panel**  Oversight of the Panel will end if the child is closed to Social Care or when professionals are satisfied that the child is no longer being exploited. Evidence of risk reduction is via an updated RMT. |
| Membership: | * South Area (chair) * Permanence Team * West Area * North Area * Central Area * CAN Team * FRT * GMP Phoenix/Challenger * MFT Health * Talk Shop * Family Focus * Early Break * YOS * Education (Trafford College)   If any of the members are unable to attend, the expectation is that a deputy will attend or updates sent to Business Support to ensure meaningful review and planning completed. |
| Duration of Membership: | To be reviewed annually next Review February 2021 |
| Chair: | Complex Safeguarding Team – Kate Press and Debbie Broughton |
| Frequency of Meetings: | Monthly |
| Quorum: | 3 or more agencies |
| Agenda and Papers: | To be distributed ahead of the meeting.  Social workers are to email new referral requests 7 days prior to Panel  Finalised list for discussion to be distributed 7 days prior the Panel |
| Minutes: | The meetings will have a minute taker and the notes will be distributed within 2 weeks of the meeting. |
| Chair: | Chair will provide deputies as required. |

**Governance Structure:**

Trafford Strategic Safeguarding Board

Prevent

Criminal Exploitation

Exploitation Sub Board

QA Exploitation Panel

Bronze meeting

Exploitation Panel