



Centre for Professional Practice

DUDLEY MBC

Children Abused Through Exploitation (CATE) Team

Terms of Reference

1. Statement of Purpose

The CATE (Children Abused Through Exploitation) team is essentially a reference group of social workers, team managers and family centre CSE leads. This group with the support of other appropriately informed stakeholders will shape future MASE activity and support colleagues to meet their social care responsibilities for children affected by exploitation through regular training, communication and sharing of resources in a bid to improve practice and more importantly the response and experience for children and their families.

2. Main Activity

- Co-produce an agreed process for MASE meetings and design the roles and responsibilities for staff to achieve best practice outcomes
- Develop an agreed Exploitation process resource pack
- Agree the use of appropriate exploitation literature, guidance, policy and practice which will be uploaded to the CPP website
- Be responsible for encouraging colleagues to develop their skills and understanding of the ever increasing complexity and evolving responses to emerging exploitation models
- Attend training to understand emerging exploitation themes and increase knowledge base to share with the wider workforce
- Respond to virtual communication that supports future activity and development
- To connect and liaise with colleagues from bordering authorities as closely as possible



3. Frequency of CATE Meetings

- The CATE team will meet bi-monthly
- The CATE team will receive information by email as required /necessary

4. CATE team membership

- CATE Attendance will comprise of:
- Social workers and team manager representatives from each social care service
- Representatives from each Family Centre – CSE lead or deputy
- Representative from Education Psychology
- Representatives from any other service that is deemed appropriate

5. CATE team Administration and Information Governance

- CSE admin will administer the CATE team to include email distribution, arrange and minute meetings
- CPP will facilitate training and development opportunities
- Information and data that is captured will be directed to the most appropriate team or services and will be used to inform future decision making

6. Information required to be presented at CATE Meetings

- Updates
- New forms and tools
- Best practice examples
- Information regarding emerging themes
- Training and development opportunities

7. Escalations and Resolutions

Concerns and challenges that arise from CATE activity will be addressed through the most appropriate reporting channel that exists relevant to the nature of the issue.