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NWG- Gold Membership available to all SSCB Partner Agencies
The NWG (National Working Group) is a charitable organisation working on the issue of child sexual exploitation and child trafficking in the UK. The NWG is influential in the development of both national and local policy, and is committed to sharing its knowledge and expertise with members through regular forums, advice and consultation and access to an extensive resource library.

On behalf of all partner agencies the SSCB has acquired ‘Gold Membership’ of the NWG which brings with it a number of benefits, including access to a range of toolkits and services, including:

- **Access to an on-line library**, which currently holds over 900 CSE/ Trafficking resources including research papers, policies and protocols, good practice guidance etc.
- **E-Learning CSE awareness raising training module** - suitable for anyone working with children and young people as an introductory or refresher programme. (60-90min completion time)
- **Cody’s Choice/ Dean’s Choice** – an interactive discussion toolkit aimed at 1:1 and group work with young people.
- **Monthly members’ surgery** offering 1:1 appointments or telephone consultation

A password is needed to access members’ only resources. Please email your name, organisation, role (paid or unpaid) to: deborah.pinder3@sheffield.gov.uk

Please visit the NWG website for further details of services and support available; www.nwgnetwork.org/

Take time to look at Sheffield’s strategy published on our website; www.safeguardingsheffieldchildren.org.uk/welcome/sheffield-safeguarding-children-board/Sexual-Exploitation-Service.html
Referral process for Sexual Exploitation in Sheffield

The Sexual Exploitation Service will be holding a series of Roadshow events on the referral process covering:

- The referral process and what happens next
- What happens once a young person is placed within SES
- Specific issues for boys and young men/16 & 17 year olds
- The links between CSE and SHB.

The Sexual Exploitation Service has recently made changes to the referral process in partnership with Children, Young People & Families Service, following a pilot process which commenced in June 2015. The changes were made following Dr Kathryn Houghton’s independent review of child sexual exploitation services in Sheffield. Prior to the pilot, sexual exploitation was the only form of abuse affecting a child and young person which was not directly reported via area screening teams. This model could have led to a delay in statutory responses for vulnerable young people. The Sexual Exploitation Service also received significant numbers of referrals regarding cases which did not meet the definition of child sexual exploitation, but which still took time for the team to deal with. This referral process is designed to address all of the issues mentioned and ensure children and young people receive the most appropriate support to match their needs.

Professionals with concerns regarding children and young people who may be at risk of being sexually exploited should refer these concerns via the three area screening teams. Social workers on those teams then use a CSE screening tool to determine the level of risk. Where young people are assessed to be in acute need a Section 47 investigation will be carried out collaboratively by the Sexual Exploitation Service’s police officers and a social worker from the team, unless there is already an allocated worker. For cases which fall within the scope of complex risk a social worker from one of the area teams will be allocated to carry out a single assessment. A social worker from the Sexual Exploitation Service will liaise with the area worker and attend a child in need meeting to help assess the CSE risk. When a child is placed within the range of vulnerable or universal risk they will not meet the threshold for statutory involvement and will be closed to social care, however they will still be referred on to the Sexual Exploitation Service to determine if they would benefit from youth work-based interventions, either from the service itself, or from the Community Youth Teams.

The contact numbers for the area screening teams are:

- West 0114 273 4491
- East 0114 203 7463
- North 0114 203 9591

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Sheffield Hub and Spoke Project - Celebration Event - 29th June

Sheffield Hub and Spoke is a three year project funded by the CSE Funders Alliance and evaluated by The University of Bedfordshire. It is 1 of 15 projects nationally which look at innovation in the voluntary sector to support statutory CSE provision across geographical neighbours.

To celebrate completion of the project’s first year a celebration event will be held where you can find out more and the new training pack will be launched. **Contact the team to book a place at the event; sheffieldfutures.org.uk.**

During the year the dedicated team have:

- Set up a CSE training action plan across South Yorkshire to look at licenced businesses and the Night Time economy.
- Supported the mainstreaming of training for Taxi Drivers including supporting CSE awareness to become part of licencing conditions. During this process 899 taxi drivers have received training directly from the team.
- Developed a standardised Introduction to CSE training package which is open access to any professional in Sheffield and part of the Introduction to Safeguarding Training run by SSCB. Over 600 professionals in Sheffield have received this training in the last year.
- Delivered awareness raising training directly to over 300 young people in Barnsley and Doncaster.
- Supported a specialist CSE Youth Worker to be placed within the Doncaster Team to share the Sheffield Model. This will be replicated in Barnsley this summer. The CSE Youth Workers attached to Hub & Spoke have provided intensive, holistic support to 19 young people who have experienced abuse through CSE.
- Supported the set-up of CSE participation groups in Sheffield, Derby and Cambridge with new groups in Doncaster and Lincoln due to start in the summer. These groups of CSE survivors are engaging in a programme of activities based around confidence building, vocational skills and peer support. To date young people have been involved in:
  - the creation and launch of the national “Say Something Campaign”,
  - NICE Guidance on violence in teenage relationships,
  - consultation on the new national definition of CSE,
  - research by the University of Bedfordshire into young people’s participation,
  - PhD research on supporting victims in education.
  - They have also met with Karen Bradley, minister for CSE and Esther Ransen to give advice on how ChildLine can support victims and been consultants on the new edition of Friend or Foe? and have “youth proofed” the full resource.
- A national toolkit on CSE & Participation, “Live, Learn, Survive”, supported by the University of Bedfordshire and the University of Leeds will be launched this year. It will pull together academic research and best practice to support professional learning from this ground-breaking project.

For further information about the Hub & Spoke please email Kerry.Tate@sheffieldfutures.org.uk
Pieces of Me Anthology

Sheffield Futures has launched its second collection of creative writing and information on CSE written by survivors of CSE in Sheffield. Young people speak eloquently and passionately about their experience through poetry and give advice to other young people about how to stay safe and get help.

This resource was launched at an event at Star House in December 2015, supported by a short film of young people reading out the poems. The film has since been shown at The Showroom as part of their short films season.

The latest anthology can be purchased for £3.50 and the first and second collection can be bought together for £5.00. This small charge allows us to provide a free copy for every young person referred to CSE services in Sheffield, Barnsley and Doncaster.

Copies can be ordered from Angela.Wood@Sheffieldfutures.org.uk


This pack of training activities can be used when working with young people to raise awareness of healthy relationships and risks of exploitation. Previous editions have been applauded nationally as cutting edge within CSE work.

Sheffield Futures have completely revised the previous edition in line with greater awareness, new trends in CSE and feedback from young people. The 3rd Edition of this successful training pack will be launched on 29th June along with supporting training.

The new edition includes:

- Comprehensive facilitation notes on CSE and best practice in group work delivery
- A series of 14 activities covering relationships, risk, exploitation, social media and internet safety
- An 8 session programme for professionals working one-to-one with CSE victims to establish a relationship and support resilience
- A series of 30 Flash Cards to support the programme when working with young people with SEND or where English is not their first language.
- A CD of printable versions of all the exercises and a short film based on young people’s creative writing about CSE.

From September a one day course will run for professionals in South Yorkshire wanting to deliver the pack. The training will include a free copy of the Friend or Foe pack. Places are currently limited to one person per organisation to manage demand and participants will be asked to evaluate the course the first time they run it.

To book a place please email CSEtraining@sheffieldfutures.org.uk
Practitioners working with children and families in Sheffield are able to access a wide range of free CSE related training and learning events:

**E-Learning**
Two on line CSE awareness raising training modules are available. Both are suitable for anyone working with children and young people as either an introductory or short refresher programme. Taken together these modules provide a good basic introduction but should not be seen as a replacement for more in depth training as will be required by some practitioners according to their role ( See ‘Face-to Face’ Training below)

- **‘Keep Them Safe’** is a short (20-30mins) online course developed by Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation (Pace). The course aims to provide a basic understanding of what CSE is, how it happens and raise awareness of key signs and indicators of risk. Whilst aimed primarily at parents/carers the course will also be of interest to anyone working with children and families.

  The course can be accessed from the SSCB website;  

- **‘Tackling CSE’** produced on behalf of the **NWG (National Working Group)** presents five case histories which aim to highlight the different warning signs of CSE and outlines the actions to be taken to prevent or respond to it. Estimated completion time 60-90mins.

  This course is accessed via the NWG website members only area* and SSCB has paid for Gold Membership which extends to our partner organisations (see page 1). To obtain a login please email your name, organisation and role (paid or unpaid) to;  
  deborah.Pinder3@sheffield.gov.uk  
  *(www.nwgnetwork.org/resources/ellogin)

- Gold Membership of the NWG also allows practitioners to access a wealth of members’ only CSE resources which will further support and enhance practitioner awareness, skills and knowledge of the topic.

**Free Face-to Face Training**

- **Introduction to CSE in Sheffield for Professionals** - provided by the Sheffield Sexual Exploitation Service, aimed at any practitioner who works with young people aged 12-18 within Sheffield. This comprehensive 2.5 hour session covers;
  - **What is CSE?**
  - **National and local statistics**
  - **How to spot it**
  - **Who is vulnerable and why**
  - **The young person’s perspective**
  - **Who are the perpetrators?**
  - **Policing CSE**
  - **Prevention**
  - **Resources**
  - **How to refer.**

For details, to book places and to be put on the Sheffield Futures training distribution list email:  
CSEtraining@sheffieldfutures.org.uk
Raising safeguarding awareness with the taxi / private hire vehicle trade

The Safeguarding Children Board has been working in partnership with the taxi/private hire trade, Sheffield Futures (SES), Adult Safeguarding, the Licensing Authority and the Sheffield College to develop a training resource for raising drivers’ awareness of a range of safeguarding issues, including child sexual exploitation. As a result of this collaboration we have a practical and effective training package that has been accredited by national trade organisation People First.

The resource aims to encourage drivers to recognise and report suspicious activity or if they have concerns that someone is vulnerable. The launch was attended by senior officials from Sheffield City Council, the Safeguarding Children Board/Adult Safeguarding, South Yorkshire Police and representatives of the private hire trade, as pictured below.

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Our website provides safeguarding information for everyone. There are pages specific to;

- children and young people,
- parents and carers,
- staff in schools and early years settings
- a core of generic safeguarding information for all professionals.

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