

Agenda

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday, 10 May 2022, 2.00 pm
County Hall, Worcester

All County Councillors are invited to attend and participate

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DISCLOSING INTERESTS

There are now 2 types of interests:
'Disclosable pecuniary interests' and **'other disclosable interests'**

WHAT IS A 'DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST' (DPI)?

- Any **employment**, office, trade or vocation carried on for profit or gain
- **Sponsorship** by a 3rd party of your member or election expenses
- Any **contract** for goods, services or works between the Council and you, a firm where you are a partner/director, or company in which you hold shares
- Interests in **land** in Worcestershire (including licence to occupy for a month or longer)
- **Shares** etc (with either a total nominal value above £25,000 or 1% of the total issued share capital) in companies with a place of business or land in Worcestershire.

NB Your DPIs include the interests of your spouse/partner as well as you

WHAT MUST I DO WITH A DPI?

- **Register** it within 28 days and
- **Declare** it where you have a DPI in a matter at a particular meeting
 - you must **not participate** and you **must withdraw**.

NB It is a criminal offence to participate in matters in which you have a DPI

WHAT ABOUT 'OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS'?

- No need to register them but
- You must **declare** them at a particular meeting where:
You/your family/person or body with whom you are associated have a **pecuniary interest** in or **close connection** with the matter under discussion.

WHAT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OF ANOTHER AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BODY?

You will not normally even need to declare this as an interest. The only exception is where the conflict of interest is so significant it is seen as likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

DO I HAVE TO WITHDRAW IF I HAVE A DISCLOSABLE INTEREST WHICH ISN'T A DPI?

Not normally. You must withdraw only if it:

- affects your **pecuniary interests OR** relates to a **planning or regulatory** matter
- **AND** it is seen as likely to **prejudice your judgement** of the public interest.

DON'T FORGET

- If you have a disclosable interest at a meeting you must **disclose both its existence and nature** – 'as noted/recorded' is insufficient
- **Declarations must relate to specific business** on the agenda
 - General scattergun declarations are not needed and achieve little
- Breaches of most of the **DPI provisions** are now **criminal offences** which may be referred to the police which can on conviction by a court lead to fines up to £5,000 and disqualification up to 5 years
- Formal **dispensation** in respect of interests can be sought in appropriate cases.

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Membership

Councillors:

Cllr Kyle Daisley (Chairman), Cllr Tracey Onslow (Vice Chairman), Cllr Dan Boatright, Cllr David Chambers, Cllr Matt Jenkins, Cllr Steve Mackay, Cllr Jo Monk, Cllr Tony Muir and Cllr David Ross

Co-opted Church Representatives (for education matters)

Mr T Reid (Church of England)

Parent Governor Representatives (for education matters)

Mr M Hughes

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

10 MAY 2022

GET SAFE AND GET THERE

Summary

1. Worcestershire Children First and partnership representatives have been invited to the meeting to update the Panel on the developments relating to GET SAFE and GET THERE 2021/22 which is the partnership response and intervention into the Criminal Exploitation of children with a focus on the voice of the child.

Background

2. GET SAFE is the partnership multi-agency work and response into tackling Criminal Exploitation of children and young people. This form of harm and abuse takes many forms in terms of how it is perpetrated and the ways in which perpetrators target and groom children and young people.

3. Across the UK we see children and young people abused via online, through social media, online gaming, and in person through every day normal activities such as through friendships/ relationships, education and community settings. Our partnership work tells us there is no one type of victim, and no one type of perpetrator.

4. GET SAFE in Worcestershire represents:

- Gangs
- Sexual Exploitation
- Trafficking
- Modern Day Slavery
- Absent or Missing
- Forced Marriage
- Criminal Exploitation

5. In Worcestershire this also includes knife and weapon carrying, County Lines, Female Genital Mutilation, Honour based violence and Radicalisation.

6. In December 2021 the Worcestershire GET SAFE partnership launched GET THERE which is focused on 16 – 25 year olds and the challenges they face in their transition to adulthood and how together partners and agencies can recognise their individual development needs, risks and vulnerabilities and work with them to build safety. The 18 to 25 year-old cohort of GET THERE specifically focuses on our care leavers and SEND young adults recognising our statutory duties. GET THERE was co-designed in collaboration with Worcestershire young people to ensure it is meaningful and purposeful to them.

Issues for the Panel to Consider

7. The Panel may wish to consider:

- The Worcestershire Partnership response to GET SAFE and the development of GET THERE and the progress made.
- The voice of young people through this work and intervention and the impact and difference it makes to children and young people in preventing and addressing this form of harm and abuse.

The GET SAFE Partnership

8. The GET SAFE partnership includes West Mercia Police, the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCCs) representative, acute and primary Health, Education, Children's Social Care and Early Help Services, Youth Justice, the Voluntary youth sector, District leads, and specific commissioned services.

9. Within Worcestershire Children First there is also a small, dedicated team of practitioners including social workers, children's missing officers and youth practitioners that work with young people where criminal exploitation has been identified. They work alongside the allocated worker specifically focused on engaging the young person in one-to-one direct work and/or welfare return home interviews following an episode of being missing from home or care.

10. As a partnership there is both a strategic and operational group. The strategic partnership meets quarterly and ensures that the partnership strategic response is well co-ordinated and the annual action plan drives the delivery of the GET SAFE Strategy and works to address issues identified through the problem profile. The Strategic GET SAFE partnership tasks the GET SAFE operational group to deliver actions and progress against the GET SAFE action plan.

11. As a partnership the aim of the work is to be able to identify, intervene, support and protect children at risk of exploitation, including bring perpetrators to justice. The partnership has adopted the police "**4P approach**" that is a recognised model in managing serious and organised crime with the focus on "**Prepare, Prevent, Protect and Pursue**" in order to identify, respond and address the risks to children and young people in our communities.

12. In Worcestershire a "**contextual safeguarding**" approach has been adopted to the identification of risks and vulnerability in the child/young person's world. This approach works well with our practice model of Signs of Safety in that it recognises the relationships between the child and their world outside where exploitation risks and vulnerability can occur. It enables positive conversations with young people about their lives and interactions to help understand how best to work with young people building safety in the environments where harm or risks may be taking place, for example with peer groups, within education, within the community. This means working closely with schools, youth centres and the police including Safer Neighbourhood Teams and the district councils. We value family relationships and the safety that can be achieved through positive work with parents and carers to understand the signs of exploitation. The Worcestershire "**GET SAFE risk assessment**" can be seen in Appendix 1. This risk assessment can be undertaken by any practitioner working with a child or young person and can be referred into Children's social care and/or the GET SAFE portal.

Our Multi Agency Approach

13. Successful partnership working between statutory and voluntary agencies through the GET SAFE Strategic and Operational partnership continues to drive forward the GET SAFE agenda locally and has led to earlier identification of children at risk of criminal exploitation and allowed us to intervene early.

14. This has taken shape in many forms including the continued support and partnership working with the PCC in shaping and delivering the Worcestershire GET SAFE multi-agency training throughout 2021/22 to the children and young people's partnership workforce. In this 12-month period **2,681 Worcestershire professionals attended, 106 sessions were delivered, and 69 different organisations/professionals were reached.** Worcestershire had the highest take up across all four West Mercia authorities. This training across all partners and services is critical in giving a consistent message to all partners and children's workforce in how to recognise and respond to the risks and vulnerability for children and young people.

Working within the community

15. The GET SAFE partnership recognises **the importance of community** in tackling Criminal Exploitation for children and young people and we continually communicate through social media posts raising awareness of the different forms of child criminal exploitation and how to get help and support. There is also a dedicated GET SAFE web page on the Worcestershire County Council website (appendix 5). An annual weeklong GET SAFE campaign takes place in June which is the anniversary of the GET SAFE launch. We also get out in the community meeting children and young people and members of the community to raise awareness of issues and risks and how to get help and support. An example of this was a strong GET SAFE presence during March 2022 at the Knife Angel in Worcester City.

The weekly GET SAFE meeting

16. At a practice level, multi-agency weekly **GET SAFE meetings** are held, chaired by Worcestershire Children First's GET SAFE Team Manager and attended by partners including Education, Police, Health, Youth Justice etc. The focus of this meeting is to share information and review specific cases and agree the response pathway; ensuring the risks and vulnerabilities are recognised and flagged across the partners so we can all respond in a co-ordinated way to a child / young person (see Appendix 2). In Autumn 2021 this meeting incorporated the development and implementation of **Steer Clear** which is the West Mercia Knife crime prevention and awareness programme and in 2022 steps to engage our young people's drug and alcohol service are taking place.

17. This weekly GET SAFE meeting will review the GET SAFE risk assessment completed by a professional known to the child/ young person and or a welfare return interview. The meeting will look at the risks and vulnerability for the child but also the intelligence around location and connectivity between young people, adults, or patterns and trends emerging.

18. As a result of strong and effective partnership working, we have seen an increase year on year of young people being identified as in need of support to reduce their vulnerability to exploitation. This is positive as it means that young people are supported at the earliest opportunity and support and intervention can be offered by any partner or commissioned service ensuring that the child and their family get the right help and support. As a partnership we have developed robust pathways that the meeting uses to support decision making (**see Appendix 1 GET SAFE Guidance document**).

19. We have recognised the need for specific focused help and support to children and young people and partners have worked with the police to deliver the **Steer Clear offer**, for young people at risk of knife or weapon carrying. We also have the commissioned service "**Climb**" which is an early intervention and diversion through a positive activity project across the county which is funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the specialist support from the **Branch project** where there are concerns around sexual exploitation. Having clear pathways of response has help to ensure young people have a timely and consistent response to their need.

20. Members of the GET SAFE weekly meeting also attend the missing Mondays meeting where professionals look at how we work together to prevent children from missing school through exclusions or part time timetables recognising that being in school helps keep them safe and makes it harder for perpetrators to engage or target them. This is often challenging for the child and school and how we work together on a plan is key.

21. We as a partnership want to prevent Worcestershire children from being harmed and abused through criminal exploitation. We want to prevent them from being criminalised through the activities they are forced or harmed into doing by the perpetrators abusing them. We aim to make life difficult and risky for perpetrators and bring them into the criminal justice system.

GET SAFE: Locations

22. The weekly GET SAFE meeting not only looks at individual children's needs but gathers the intelligence from this information and uses this to carry out operations of disruption and pursuing criminals who perpetrate against children. An example of this was an operation into disrupting emerging county lines gangs in a district area. The work undertaken had identified particular activity increasing in a district area ahead of a school holiday period. This led to a **GET SAFE partnership community operation** that took place. This operation looked at:

- The intelligence,
- How the local area community services worked together,
- The young people's offer in the area
- How as a community they could work differently together

23. The piece of work engaged the schools, local youth group, leisure centre and library to enable a stronger community resilience when concerns of exploitation were emerging. This led to a whole range of different activities being held in the community during the holiday season that was pitched at young people taking them off the streets and into positive activities re-engaging them with the leisure centre, youth clubs and library.

24. When criminal concerns of exploitation have been identified the partnership have worked together to ensure a co-ordinated operation is initiated with all partners engaged. These are strictly confidential as we are safeguarding and protecting children. The most recent one is concerning Child Sexual Exploitation. There have been recent well publicised knife incidents within Worcestershire which involved other Local Authority young people coming into area and these incidents are occurring. Our work with other Local Authority areas in understanding this is ongoing.

GET THERE supporting transitions into adulthood for 16-25 year-olds.

25. In early 2021 we recognised that we needed to look in detail at the needs of young people aged 16 plus. We need to recognise that there is a whole range of new challenges that face our young people, decisions and choices that they need to make but also how vulnerable they can be at this age. We recognised that we need to help guide them transitioning into independent adults and that for many they would cease support from children's social work services at 18 years of age and not meet the criteria for adult social care. We also as a partnership have a statutory duty to our care leavers and SEND young people. This led us to develop a transitions approach to GET SAFE.

26. Throughout 2021/22 we have worked with young people, partner agencies, and voluntary youth groups to develop our GET SAFE response to 16 -25 year-olds who are vulnerable to or experiencing criminal exploitation. This included consultation with children and young people from several local youth centres to develop the name, logo and understand the best way to engage and reach young people online. The 16 -25-year-olds focus is specifically on care leavers and our Special Educational Needs and Disabled young adults. We recognise as a partnership that as young people enter early adulthood the risks do not immediately disappear, and we must continue to raise awareness especially for this vulnerable group and look at how we support them differently to younger children.

27. In November 2021 the GET THERE logo and website was developed by young people and launched on a new website on the county council's web page called **GET THERE** (see appendix 5 for the link). In December 2021 the GET THERE practitioner guidance was signed off and launched and is now on our Worcestershire local procedures.

28. On 17 March 2022, we co-produced with Heart Of Worcestershire College and our young people a live launch to young people of "GET THERE". 152 young people came to this event. HOW college hosted the event and we held three live drama performances involving college students, SEND young people and a third event for NEET young people (Not in Education, Employment or Training). This production aimed to reach as many young people as possible to raise their awareness of Criminal Exploitation, launch the GET THERE website to young people but to also capture their voice on the issues they were concerned about to help focus our GET THERE work across the county (see appendix 3 for the summary report on what young people told us).

29. On 14 April 2022 the same drama production was delivered to young people in Malvern, and we plan to deliver four more events in the remaining districts to young people and capture their voices.

30. In March 2022 in recognition of this work, GET SAFE have received an iESE award from the Public Sector Transformation Awards 2022: ***“Due to the exemplary standard of the work demonstrated by your submission in the difficult climate of the past year, we would like to award Worcestershire Children First and Get Safe and Get There with an iESE Certificate of Excellence 2022”***.

The Community GET SAFE worker role

31. We understand the importance of building strong and resilient communities and the work of the Community GET SAFE link worker over the last 18 months has enabled strong relationships to be built in the community including working with the police through local Police and School panels, attending youth providers and understanding what the young people and staff are worried about in the local area. We have worked with Climb to look locally at how positive activities for groups of children as well as individuals can be delivered including a recent project with Seven Arts and going forward, we are looking at the support available to children in the upcoming summer holidays through the **Half term Activities** and **Food provision (HAF)** to support the delivery of key safety messages to children across the county.

The GET SAFE Link Worker role

32. For children where the risk level is increased, and who are identified as being or suspected as being Criminally Exploited we have a strong multi agency response pathway including direct one to one work being undertaken with young people by a **Worcestershire Children First GET SAFE Link worker**. The link worker's role is to build a trusting relationship with the young person to explore the concerns of exploitation and to contribute to the disruption of any exploitation they are facing through multi-agency information sharing and diversionary activities. In appendix 4 a GET SAFE Link Worker has written two brief anonymised case studies to give a brief overview of their work. This role is based on the one trusted adult model where we know children who are experiencing harm through exploitation do need to spend time to build trust with a practitioner to be able to understand what is happening for them and to work together to develop an effective plan of support and intervention.

33. The work with young people absolutely includes us as partners seeking any available legal orders or using our partnership powers to pursue offenders and using disruption tactics to protect the child or young person; the work with the child and their family is critical.

34. Educating, supporting and diverting children and young people away from the possible risks of exploitation remains the key priority of the GET SAFE multi agency Partnership alongside tackling perpetrators. We have a focus on working with young people to improve family relationships, engage in education/ training and to improve their mental health and wellbeing, recognising them as the victims of this form of harm and abuse. This is achieved through direct work undertaken by the GET SAFE link workers and / or children's missing offers who support children if they have had a period missing from home.

35. The voice of children and young people whom we work with is fundamental in ensuring we are meeting and understanding their needs and connecting with them in a meaningful way. We regularly seek the views of children and we have produced this in anonymous ways to share the learning across the partnership. (See appendix 7 and 8 which are two short videos on the voice of the child.) It is critical that we ensure we understand their world and the challenges they face and how they have received our support and input so we can ensure we are as effective and responsive as possible, striving to improve our knowledge skills and co-ordinated practices.

Next steps

- We will continue to look at the local profile of exploitation to identify needs, risks and vulnerabilities but also what opportunities we have to prevent and reduce risk and vulnerability and measure our effectiveness as a partnership.
- We are continuing with our plan to take the drama group out to young people in the remaining four districts and gather their feedback.
- We continue our Steer Clear and prevention work on gangs and knife / weapon carrying as this is a new collaboration with West Mercia Police.
- Continue to review the local offer of diversionary support to young people including ongoing work with local district councils to expand early intervention work.
- Continue to engage our drug and alcohol intervention agency for young people in the weekly GET SAFE meeting
- Continue to hold live events for young people, ensuring their voice and views are at the forefront of intervention and service delivery
- We will continue our workforce training on GET SAFE throughout 2022 as continuous professional development with the Police and Crime Commissioner's support.
- Our week of GET SAFE communication is scheduled for 20 June 2022. All agencies and district leads are asked to support this campaign and share it on their social media sites to ensure we reach across our communities.

Purpose of the Meeting

The Panel is asked to:

- consider and comment on partnership work of GET SAFE and GET THERE
- determine whether any further information or scrutiny on a particular topic is required.

Supporting Information

Documents attached

Appendix 1 Get Safe Risk Assessment and Guidance

Appendix 2 Get Safe response pathway

Appendix 3 GET THERE voice of the child report

Appendix 4 2 x Case studies from the Get safe Link worker

Websites

Appendix 5 [Get Safe - keeping children and young people safe from criminal exploitation | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Appendix 6 [Get There | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Voice of the young person videos

Appendix 7 Video 1 [The voice of young people who go missing - Get Safe - YouTube](#)

Appendix 8 Video 2 [The voice of young people who go missing - Get Safe - YouTube](#)
[Get There | Get Safe Worcestershire - YouTube](#)

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.

[All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website here.](#)

GET SAFE

Child Exploitation Risk Assessment

The information given throughout this form must be typed.

To support you in completing this GET SAFE risk assessment please use the GET SAFE Practitioners guide:

Language is extremely important when we talk about children who are victims of harm and abuse through exploitation and therefore the following guidance will assist you in how you describe events and risks in this assessment form :[Appropriate Language – Childrens Society Guidance for Professionals](#)

If you have **intelligence** about a location and / or suspected perpetrator(s) then this can be shared with the police by completing the attached and sending this directly to the e-mail address supplied in the document:

Please note this is an external document owned by the police



Document1.doc

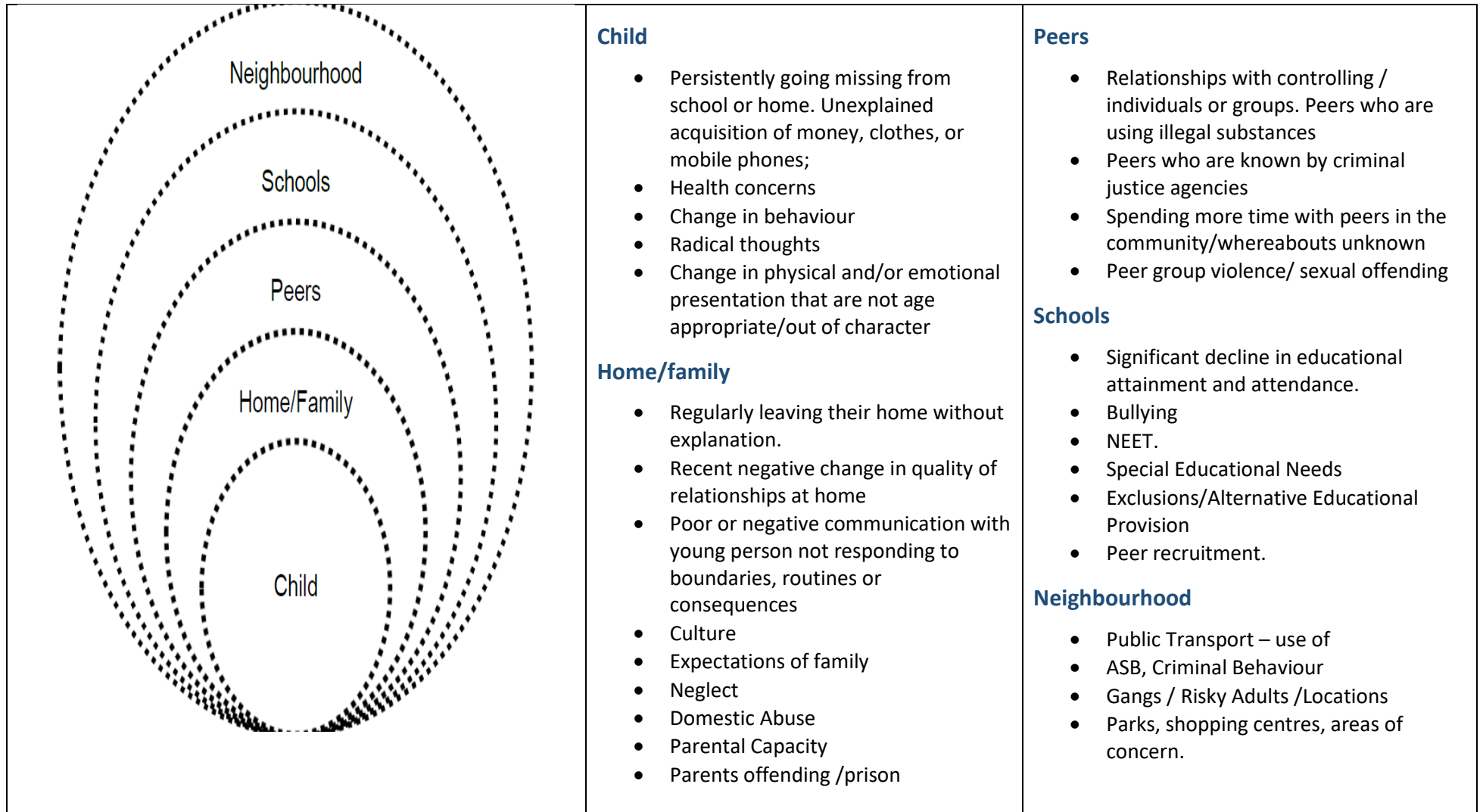
Child's details

Child's Forename:	Child's Surname:	D.O.B.
Address:	Disability / additional needs: Education Health Care Plan Y / N	NHS Number: (if known) GP Practice (if known) Education UPN:
Ethnicity:	Gender:	Religion:
Name of professional completing this Risk Assessment: Agency: Email address: Telephone number: Relationship to the child e.g. DSL, Dr, Social worker:	Child's current plan of support where known Early Help plan: Child in Need plan: Child Protection plan: Child Looked After Care Plan: If the child is subject to a plan, who is the child's responsible Local Authority?	Education / training or employment Name of establishment: Or Elective Home Educated (EHE)..... Child Missing in Education (CME)..... Not in Education employment or training (NEET)..... Not known..... <i>NB: Attendance at school/college can be addressed further on in this assessment tool.</i>

Consent

CONSENT	<i>Have parents/ carers given consent to the completion of this Assessment?</i>
Has the child given consent to the completion of this Risk Assessment? YES (tick) Please record any views/comments of the child.....	If no, (tick) please state why they have not been informed:
NO (Tick) if no please state why.....	If Yes, please state any comments or views
	Please record any views of both parent/carers.

Diagram:



The information given throughout this form must be typed.

Protective Factors for this child

Using the Contextual Safeguarding model above please detail the factors you have identified or those known to you in relation to this child that could indicate that they may be at risk of child exploitation or are being exploited.

Child	Home/Family	Peers	Schools	Neighbourhood

Considering the areas of this child's life, what are you most concerned about in each of these areas?

Child	Home/Family	Peers	Schools	Neighbourhood

What is the most concerning recent example of child exploitation you have had for this child?

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What is the current impact of the above GET SAFE concerns on these areas of this child's life? How do they affect the child from engaging, functioning, attending, staying safe etc.

Child	Home/Family	Peers	Schools	Neighbourhood

What strengths and protective factors can you identify that exist and can be built upon to engage and disrupt the exploitation. Please include and identify what you or your agency are already doing or planning to do.

What's working well? What are the strengths and protective factors around this child?	What needs to happen? What could disrupt the abuse or harm? What could support the child and their family?

Please provide details of agencies to your knowledge that are involved with the child/family or pending referrals.

Agency	Details if involved with child/family
CAMHS /Mental Health Support	
The Branch Project / WMRSASC	
YSS	
Additional Education Support	
Sexual Health	
Youth Justice Service	
Early Intervention Family Support	
Targeted Family Support	
Any other agency or community support known?	

Child exploitation concerns

Based on the information you have provided in this assessment what forms of child exploitation are you concerned is/are happening to this child ?

Tick ✓ any of the following below you are concerned about

Gangs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual Exploitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Slavery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criminal Exploitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent or missing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Radicalisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forced marriage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Honoured Based Violence	<input type="checkbox"/>
None Identified	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Child Exploitation Risk Assessment

<p>Based on the factors you have identified, please indicate your professional opinion as to the level of risk this child faces:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of vulnerability to child exploitation (Low)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of being groomed or targeted for the purposes of child exploitation (Medium)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence that the child is being exploited. Please describe the type of exploitation e.g. Sexual, Criminal, Forced Labour (High)</p> <p>Please ensure that you have included all the known information about this child to support your agency's analysis of risk.</p>
<p>Considering all the information you have captured about this child can you please provide us with your professional opinion on how you have determined this child to be at low/medium/high risk of child exploitation:</p>	
<p>Please ensure that this has been discussed with your agency's safeguarding lead for advice and support.</p>	<p>AGENCY SAFEGUARDING LEAD NAME:</p> <p>DATE child discussed:</p>

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO NEXT

This is not a referral to Children's Social Care. If you have an immediate concern about the safety and welfare of a child please phone the Family Front Door directly on 01905 822666 for advice or Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team on 01905 768020 and/or Police where appropriate.

If the outcome is that, in your professional opinion, the child is **NOT** vulnerable to or experiencing exploitation there is no need to submit this form to the multi-agency Get Safe Portal. You may need to consider an Early Help Assessment to address the concerns identified and safeguard the child. It is recommended that this form is saved by your agency should further concerns arise to enable you to review this risk assessment.

If you have identified that the child **IS VULNERABLE** to exploitation, then please submit the Risk Assessment via the Multi Agency Get Safe Portal and with your agencies safeguarding lead you may need to consider an Early Help Assessment to address the concerns identified and safeguard the child.

If the outcome is that, in your professional opinion, the child **IS EXPERIENCING** exploitation then you must complete a referral to Worcestershire's Children's Social Care **AND** submit the Risk Assessment via the Multi Agency Get Safe Portal.

GET SAFE Links for professionals completing this risk assessment:

- [GET SAFE PORTAL](#)
- [Early Help Web Page website](#)
- [Referral to WCC GET SAFE](#)

Please submit this form where appropriate once fully completed to the Multi Agency GET SAFE Portal.

This information will be shared with the multi-agency **GET SAFE Team** they will identify the outcome and appropriate pathways of help and support this child needs where there is GET SAFE concerns. The outcome will be shared with you within 5 working days of the multi-agency meeting which is every Tuesday.

This is not a referral to Children's Social Care. If you have an immediate concern about the safety and welfare of a child please phone the Family Front Door directly on 01905 822666 for advice or Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team on 01905 768020 and/or Police where appropriate.

GET SAFE MEETING:

Date of Multi Agency GET SAFE Meeting:	Outcome of the Multi Agency Get Safe Meeting: RED Pathway:
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<p>Response to Referrer:</p>	<p>Amber Pathway:</p> <p>Green Pathway:</p> <p>NFA by GET SAFE as no GET SAFE concerns identified advice given:</p> <p>Level of need identified (level 2/3) Early Help Assessment required by Lead Professional:</p> <p>Referral to Children’s Social Care needed (Level 4 concerns):</p>
<p>Date of response to referrer.</p>	<p>Date of this outcome:</p>

The GET SAFE Multi Agency response Pathway

RED Level 4 Needs	AMBER Level 4 Needs	Green Level 3/2 Needs
Open to Childrens' Social Care and potentially Youth Justice Service	Open to Childrens' Social Care and potentially Youth Justice Service	These will be young people who require an Early Help Assessment and Lead Agency
Will be identified as RED on the Multi Agency GET SAFE Data set	Will be identified as AMBER on the Multi Agency GET SAFE Data Set	The young person will be added to the GET SAFE Data set as GREEN Young people whereby there is no evidence of Get Safe concerns or vulnerability will not be overseen by GET SAFE Team and will not be added to GET SAFE Data.
Can be a single incident or an accumulation of incidents/notifications over a condensed period of time that are high risk to the young person and identify them as being criminally exploited.	Can be a single incident or an accumulation of incidents/notifications over a condensed period of time which are of concern in their frequency/pattern and impact on the young person. These young people maybe being criminally exploited or need further assessment / direct work to establish their risks.	These young people are identified as having contextual safeguarding concerns that suggests vulnerability to criminal exploitation specifically. There is no evidence identifying them as being exploited but further direct work and an Early Help Assessment and plan is required.
These young people will be open and allocated to a Social Worker and have a plan in place. This maybe: CIN GET SAFE Plan Child protection Plan Children Looked After Plan And a Youth Justice Plan of intervention.	These young people will be open and allocated to a Social Worker and have a plan in place. This maybe: CIN GET SAFE Plan Child protection Plan Children Looked After Plan And a Youth Justice Plan of intervention.	These young people need to have an Early Help Assessment and plan put in place. The Early Help Pathway will be followed for this young person as this pathway is a preventative diversionary pathway. Therefore, these young people will have an Early Help 4 P plan. Any agency can be the lead agency and seek support from partner agencies in the diversionary work required to build safety and

RED Level 4 Needs	AMBER Level 4 Needs	Green Level 3/2 Needs
		support to the child and disrupt any risks identified in the GET SAFE initial risk assessment.
<p>Police and Children’s Social Care with Youth Justice Service (where applicable) will be joint lead agencies for the young person.</p> <p>A 4 P multi agency plan will be in place to address the GET SAFE concerns for this young person.</p>	<p>Police and Children’s Social Care with Youth Justice Service (where applicable) will be joint lead agencies for the young person.</p> <p>A 4 P multi agency plan will be in place to address the GET SAFE concerns for this young person.</p>	<p>The multi agency GET SAFE Team will monitor the status of these young people and reevaluate any repeat GET SAFE initial risk assessments provided.</p>
<p>The GET SAFE MACE meetings will review the 4 P Plan in terms of the impact and outcomes it is achieving in addressing and reducing the risk to the young person.</p> <p>The emotional well-being and support to this young person needs to be formulated in the 4 P Plan.</p> <p>Alongside support to the young person’s parents or carers where the young person resides within their family network.</p> <p>Where a strategic response is needed to a block or access of specialist resource or targeted response that cannot be achieved at practitioner level then the case will be presented to the GET SAFE operational group for assistance and action.</p>	<p>The GET SAFE MACE meetings will review the 4 P Plan in terms of the impact and outcomes it is achieving in addressing and reducing the risk to the young person.</p> <p>The emotional well-being and support to this young person needs to be formulated in the 4 P Plan.</p> <p>Alongside support to the young person’s parents or carers where the young person resides within their family network.</p> <p>This Multi-agency forum will also identify increased / decreased risk and action this as appropriate but inform the weekly GET SAFE multi agency meeting of the changes.</p> <p>The Multi Agency GET SAFE will review the RAG Status of the child.</p>	<p>The GET SAFE Team will consider the information in the GET SAFE Initial Risk Assessment and decide if the young person meets the criteria for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The diversionary network b) Missing Monday’s meeting
<p>The GET SAFE Multi agency Team will consider the need for specialist work from:</p>	<p>The GET SAFE Multi agency Team will consider:</p>	<p>MACE meetings will not be required for this cohort of young people.</p>

RED Level 4 Needs	AMBER Level 4 Needs	Green Level 3/2 Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The BRANCH Project (CSE) b) The GET SAFE direct work worker c) Specific needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) The direct work from the diversionary network B) The BRANCH Project (CSE) C) The GET SAFE direct work worker 	<p>A community-based response will be considered if specific hot spots are identified for young people in an area or school environment using the contextual safeguarding model.</p>
<p>Children placed in Worcestershire by another LA will follow that LA's Care Plan – copies will be requested by the GET SAFE Team so local responses can be clear.</p>	<p>Young people placed in Worcestershire but on the responsibility of another LA will be added to the data set but will follow that LA's Plan. Copies of this will be sought from that LA by Worcestershire's GET SAFE Team to inform Local responses</p>	<p>Where a young person has not had any additional concerns in the last 3 months then their entry onto the Get Safe Data base may be removed if they are not receiving direct work or intervention around GET SAFE concerns.</p>

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Get There



Information, help and guidance for 16 to 25 year olds

GET THERE

Launch Event

17th March 2022

‘Voice of young people’

Report written by **Jennie Cox**, Transformation Team

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GET THERE was launched to young people at three events held at HOW College’s Worcester campus. The hour-long sessions included a brief explanation of GET SAFE and GET THERE from Worcestershire Children First and a theatre performance to highlight the signs and risks of exploitation.

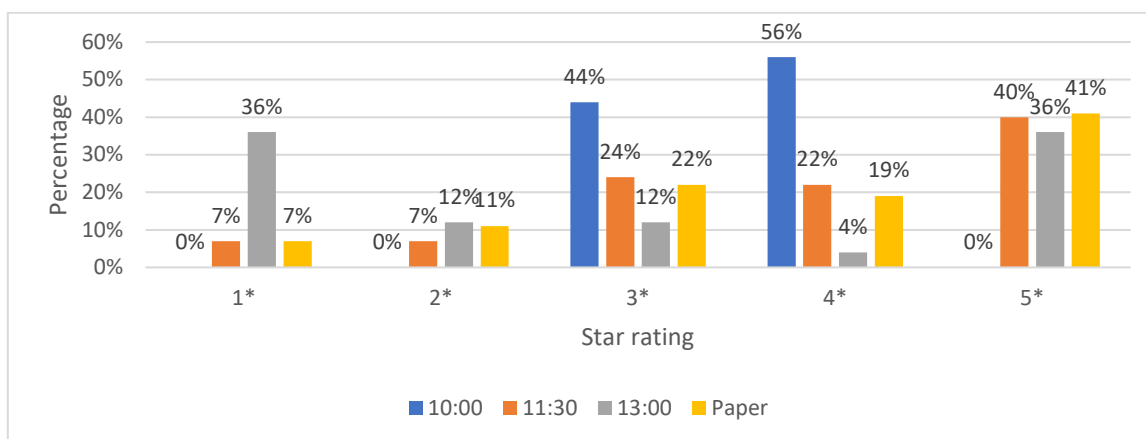
On entry to the theatre, young people were asked to rate their understanding of exploitation. After the performance, a question-and-answer session was held followed by more polls to gather the thoughts and feedback from young people about exploitation. Below is a summary of the results.

A total of 152 young people were reached across the day and results have been categorised based on the different groups of young people:

- 10:00 – performing arts students (20 young people)
- 11:30 – students with SEND and health and social care students (63 young people)
- 13:00 – students who were previously NEET (69 young people)
- Paper – students throughout all 3 performances who completed paper surveys rather than/as well as online (27 young people)

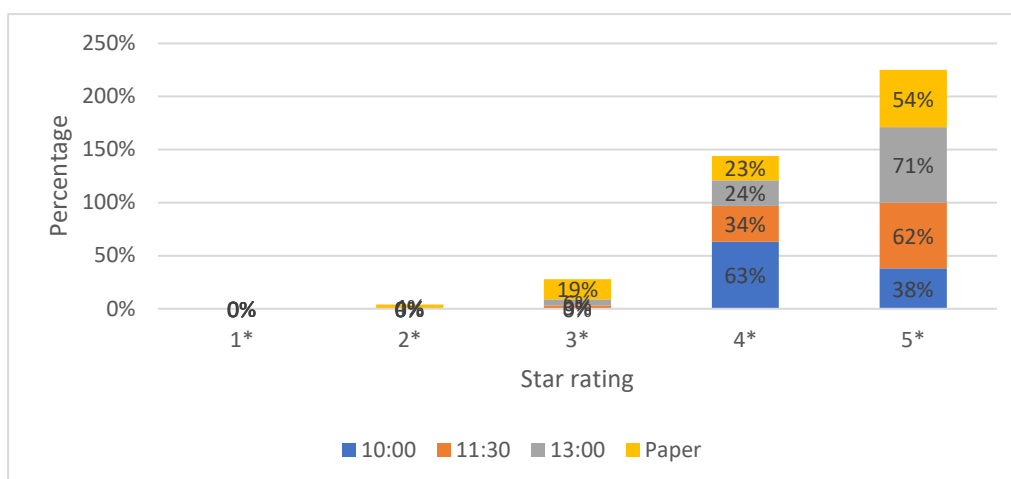
1) Please rate your understanding of what exploitation is (on entry to the theatre)

1*= no understanding, 5*= excellent understanding

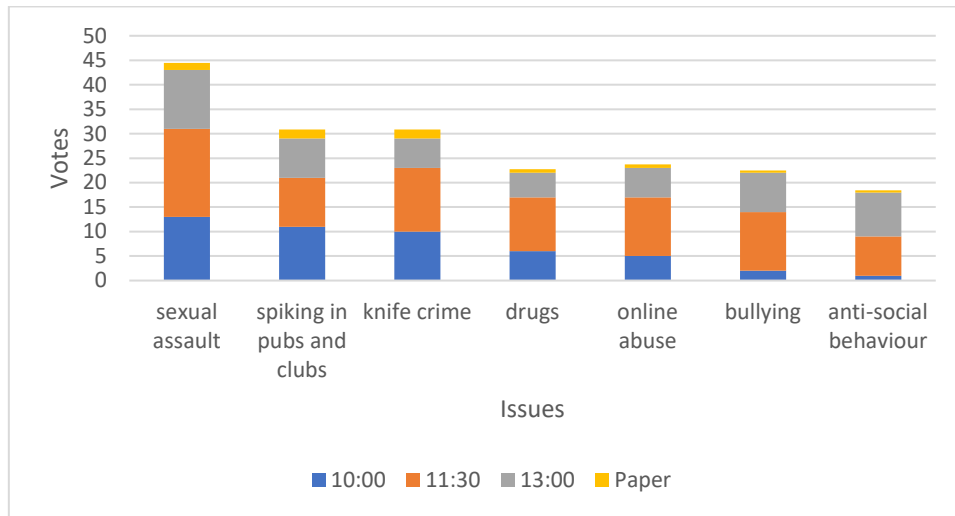


2) After today’s performance, how well do you think you would be able to spot the signs of exploitation?

1*= no understanding, 5*= excellent understanding

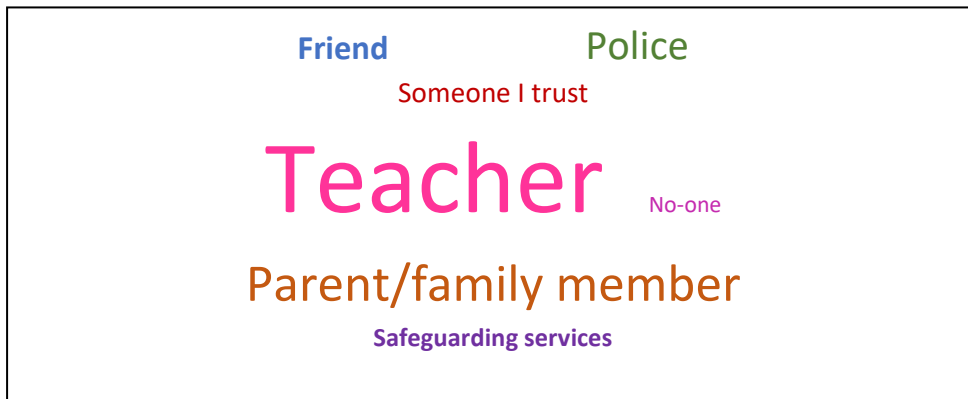


3) What are the current issues that you are most worried about in your community?



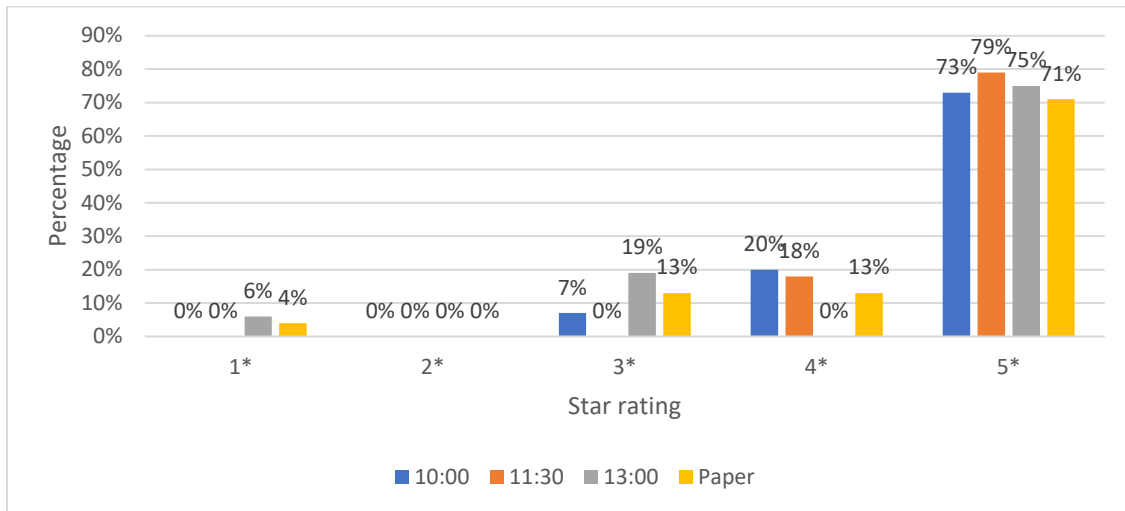
4) If you were worried about yourself or a friend, who would you tell?

Larger words represent more votes

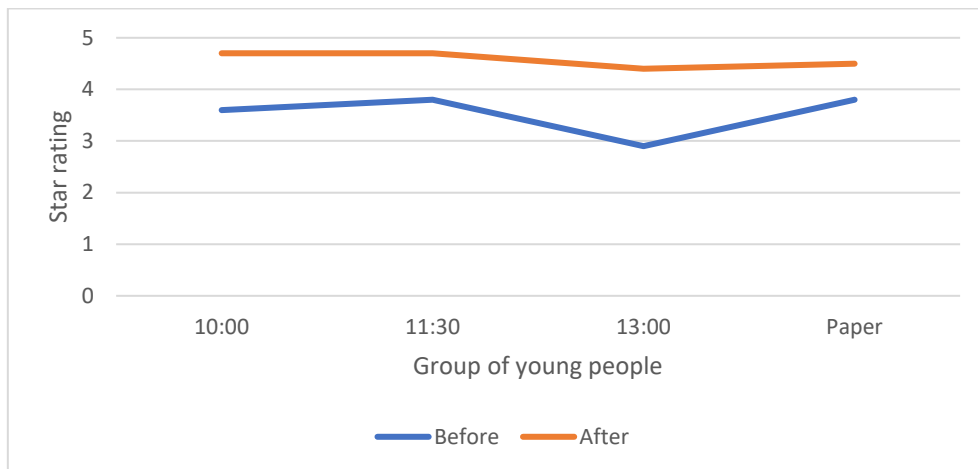


5) Please rate your understanding of what exploitation is (at the end of the session)

1*= no understanding, 5*= excellent understanding



The below graph shows the difference of how young people rated their understanding of exploitation before and after the session.



In summary

- On average, young people rated their understanding of exploitation before the session as a **3.5 out of 5** which increased to a **4.5 out of 5** by the end of the session. This broke down as below:
 - Session 1 (10:00) increased from 3.6 out of 5 to 4.7 out of 5, college students
 - Session 2 (11:30) increased from 3.8 out of 5 to 4.7 out of 5, SEND young people
 - Session 3 (13:00) increased from 2.9 out of 5 to 4.4 out of 5, NEET young people
 - The paper results increased from 3.8 out of 5 to 4.5 out of 5, mixed across sessions
- On average at the end of the performance, young people rated their ability to spot the signs of exploitation as a **4.6 out of 5**
- Young people said the top issues they are worried about in their community are **sexual assault, spiking in pubs and clubs, and knife crime**
- The most chosen person that a young person would tell if they were worried about themselves or a friend is a **teacher, parent/family member or the police**

Question and Answer session

Questions were mostly submitted anonymously by young people online to be answered by the theatre group or Worcestershire Children First professionals.

Performing Arts students in the first session had lots to ask the actors about their careers, rehearsal process and experience performing.



Other questions surrounded:

- How often exploitation happens and how many cases there are in Worcester and the UK
- How to spot the signs of exploitation
- What to do if you're involved in exploitation
- What happens if you report exploitation?
- How we can help other people if they are involved in exploitation



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Anonymised case Study of Get Safe Link Worker

Male young person aged 13years old

Circumstances of young person

A1 has been referred to the weekly, multi-agency Get Safe meeting, following a referral to children services rising concern that A1 is at risk of criminal exploitation. There has been a child protection enquiry and A1 is subject to a child protection plan and open to children's social care.

The concerns identified included:

There are concerns regarding substance use for A1 and his peers

There have been reports of physical fights between the peer group.
A1 has witnessed domestic abuse in the family home.

There are ongoing behavioural difficulties, with his mother reporting him to be beyond her control.

There is limited wider family support.

A1 has been missing three times in the last six months from home.

The GET SAFE link workers intervention plan focuses on:

- Healthy relationships
- Understanding exploitation (age appropriate)
- Substance misuse and impact
- Positive activities and diversionary intervention
- Increasing safety and resilience in the context harm is taking place (community)
- Reducing missing periods
- Healthy self-image

Summary

The link worker has been able to engage A1 in face to face sessions. There has also been contact between the link worker and A1's mother and other key professionals to discuss how we move forward and reduce the vulnerability of this young person. The diversionary intervention of the link worker is taking place alongside a child protection plan and is part of this child's plan. The link worker is part of the multi-

agency professional network working together to reduce the child protection concerns and exploitation.

The link worker is using a contextual safeguarding approach working with A1, striving to understand his risks in the context of his community. The link worker is developing safety plans that take into account the environment where the harm is taking place and building the intervention with a focus of steering A1 to a more positive context and engagement with his education and community. A priority focus of the link worker is to engage this young person with positive activities, providing the opportunity to develop healthy friendships and reducing unsupervised time in the community, where he is most at risk of criminal exploitation and abuse.

We are undertaking one to one sessions in regard to his substance misuse and encouraging his engagement with a specialist agency as we are mindful of the link between substance misuse and the link to criminal exploitation including the risk of debt bondage. There are also concerns that A1 is not having positive and healthy relationships with peers and this is also being looked at as part of the intervention which will support his reduction in going missing from home. So far his engagement with the link worker is positive and this will be a longer term piece of one to one work with him.

Case study of Get Safe Link Worker

Female young person aged 17 years old.

Circumstances of young person

A1 has been referred to the weekly, multi-agency Get Set Safe meeting following concerns she was at high risk of exploitation.

This young person had already been a victim of modern day slavery in another LA area. This young person came to the attention of the Get Safe Team after being found in a car with drugs in her possession. Some concerns regarding sexual exploitation were raised, however the young person has not yet wanted to discuss this aspect of concern with her link worker.

At the time it emerged that there had also been a significant number of missing from home episodes prior to the link workers involvement and concerns around her family not knowing where she was. However, since the one-to-one work with her link worker started there has been no more missing episodes.

The young person has engaged well with the programme of support, and we have been able to influence change and sustainability in her education and employment.

The Link Worker assisted in keeping the young person in education by attending meetings and gaining the support of her college to keep her on role. Initially her attendance was poor and over the 5 months of working with this young person her attendance has increased and she is now on track and looking into university courses. The Link worker has also assisted in getting the young person into an appropriate part time job giving a reference to the employer which assisted in securing the role.

In the 5-month period of working with this young person there has been no police involvement and current evidence of exploitation is significantly reduced. Her confidence and self esteem has improved and she is looking at a positive future.

intervention undertaken

- Stabilised college attendee and young person now on track for university opportunities. A route out of exploitation.
- Gaining employment as a route out of exploitation.
- Implications of the law as she is almost 18 therefore work undertaken around what could happen as a young adult if evidence of criminality was found.
- Support medical appointments

- Healthy friendships/ relationships
- Awareness of substance use
- Family relationships/ network is now stronger
- Understanding exploitation (age appropriate)
- Completed compensation form with the young person. This is a criminal compensation form relating to a conviction for the perpetrator of modern slavery.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 10 MAY 2022

WORCESTERSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

Summary

1. The Independent Chair of the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP) has been invited to present the WSCP Annual Report 2020-2021 (Appendix 1).

Background

2. The Children and Social Work Act 2017 places a responsibility on the three safeguarding partners in each local authority area, these being the local authority, the local clinical commissioning group and the chief officer of police, to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in their area. Within Worcestershire the three safeguarding partners are supported in fulfilling this responsibility through the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP).
3. The three safeguarding partners are also required to publish a report at least once in every 12-month period detailing their progress. This report should include an update on a number of areas as set out in Chapter 3 of Working Together to Safeguard Children (July 2018) including how effective the arrangements have been in practice, evidence of the impact of the work of the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies on outcomes for children and families from early help to looked-after children and care leavers, an analysis of where further progress still needs to be made and ways in which the partners have sought and utilised feedback from children and families to inform their work and influence service provision.
4. The report is made publicly available through publication on the Partnership website. In addition, it will be subject of scrutiny within both the NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and West Mercia Police and shared with all other relevant partner agencies. There is also a statutory requirement to share this report with both the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and the What Works Centre for Children's Social Care.
5. This is the second annual report published by the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership since it replaced the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board on 30 September 2019.

Partnership arrangements

6. Strategic decision making for the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP) takes place within the Executive meeting. The Executive is a

small group made up of the safeguarding partner representatives and chairs of the sub-groups and meets regularly to ensure prompt responses to emerging themes. These meetings are independently chaired. The WSCP Executive also provides the forum for escalation and joint problem solving, for example when Police identified a backlog of referrals within their Harm Assessment Unit, senior partners were able to discuss the current position and the potential impact on other partners and areas of business, offer support and gain reassurance. Similarly, the Executive facilitated a joint problem-solving approach to an escalation from Health colleagues in relation to an aspect of information sharing.

7. During this reporting year there have been a number of national and local developments to which the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP) has responded. In May 2021 Sir Alan Wood published his follow up report on the new multi-agency child safeguarding arrangements. As a result of this report the WSCP Executive have agreed to develop high-level indicators for children's safety within Worcestershire, beyond the current management information we gather. Further, the Executive Group has identified a need to strengthen links with other local partnerships to better understand issues being identified in relation to the safety of children and young people within Worcestershire, and their responses.

8. In July 2021 Worcestershire Children First received an Ofsted visit, in line with the inspection of local authority children's services (ILACS) framework. Worcestershire Children First were praised for the improvements shown in Children's Services, and particularly the strong progress in improving the quality of practice for children and families in receipt of services at its 'Family Front Door'. Ofsted further noted that *"The local authority and wider partnership have planned and delivered a well-coordinated and effective response to the pandemic"*. An example of this was the Safeguarding Babies Programme, led by Worcestershire Children First and supported by the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership, which was introduced in response to national concerns about the increased risk to babies during the Covid period.

GET SAFE

9. During this reporting period the GET SAFE Partnership Group has completed a problem profile of Child Exploitation in Worcestershire, the findings of which will be used to support the effective use of resources, commissioning of services and inform multi-agency training. It has also been used to develop an action plan to build upon the work done during 2019 and 2020 to introduce the GET SAFE approach in Worcestershire. We are seeing the growth of a network of services that support children and young people at risk of exploitation. The West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner supported CLIMB service, local Community Safety Partnership provision for young people, supported by third sector agencies and charities and early help offers within schools and colleges are all contributing to keeping children and young people in Worcestershire safe from exploitation. During 2021 guidance has been developed for professionals working with GET SAFE risks and/or vulnerability for young people aged 16-25 years, so bridging that period into adulthood. Young people from local youth groups in Worcestershire have also been engaged on the design and development of this 16-25-year agenda, the accompanying guidance and the new GET THERE website: [Get There | Worcestershire County Council](#). GET THERE is an important development in the Worcestershire response to exploitation of

young people within this age group to reduce an area of vulnerability which has been long recognised nationally.

Quality Assurance Practice and Procedures Group (QAPP)

10. The WSCP Quality Assurance Practice and Procedures (QAPP) Group has worked extensively to ensure that the Levels of Need Guidance is well understood and properly applied by all agencies prior to any referral, and that the multi-agency child protection processes that support the Family Front Door functions are of a high quality, and this will remain a priority for the group. This group also uses a range of performance indicators to understand the quality of multi-agency practice as the child or young person's case continues through the child protection system and has completed various targeted multi-agency audits to support that understanding and promote learning across the partnership. This work was recognised by Ofsted inspectors, who noted that *"Leaders have established a positive culture of commitment to continuous improvement across this service area, supported by particularly strong quality assurance arrangements."* The QAPP Group has also developed and used an on-line feedback form to capture the experience of families who have received a service from partners, completed an audit of safeguarding arrangements within individual agencies working with children and young people across Worcestershire, and supported the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Group in embedding learning from reviews into multi-agency practice.

Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) Group

11. This year the Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) Group has conducted three rapid reviews of serious cases which have resulted in the commissioning of two child safeguarding practice reviews. These reviews are ongoing. The CSPR Group has also implemented learning from previous serious case reviews and child safeguarding practice reviews, details of which are provided in the main report. In September 2021 the National Review Panel published a report entitled 'The Myth of Invisible Men' which set out the findings from its thematic review on safeguarding children under one from non-accidental injury caused by male carers. As national learning, the local response is being supported by the CSPR Group and will form part of a wider 'Keep Me Safe' strategy.

12. The partnership has published one Child Safeguarding Practice Review during this period. This review, published in April 2021, related to the tragic death of a 17 year old child 'Sarah'. Full details of that review and of the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership response to the findings can be found here: [CSPR-Sarah.pdf \(safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk\)](#)

Head Teachers Education Safeguarding Steering Group

13. The Education Head Teacher Safeguarding Steering Group has supported the links between education settings and the Worcestershire Family Front Door, the development of the yearly audit of safeguarding arrangements in schools, the development of Worcestershire early help processes and their relationship to the work of schools and early help services (which attracted positive feedback from Ofsted), the monitoring of developments in relation to Elective Home Education across the county and any impact of Covid on this, and the development of a safeguarding training pathway and audit for early years settings. In May 2021

Worcestershire was one of the areas visited by Ofsted as part of their rapid review of sexual violence and sexual harassment in schools and colleges, prompted by the 'Everyone's Invited' website. The group has supported a comprehensive response to the findings of this review, details of which are provided within the main report.

Conclusion

14. With the ongoing national focus on the safeguarding of children and young people, and current reviews into both individual safeguarding incidents and overall structures and approaches (the transition from Clinical Commissioning Groups to Integrated Care Systems, and the HM Government commissioned independent review of children's social care being two examples) the next twelve months will be a time of significant change for child safeguarding partnerships. Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership will need to ensure that all agencies continue to work together to develop our multi-agency child safeguarding arrangements, and to ensure we use the learning from these various reviews to strengthen the way in which we safeguard and protect children and young people. Further, we need to focus on those arrangements continuing to work effectively and remain connected as individual agencies embed these national changes within their own services.

Purpose of the Meeting

15. The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel is asked to:

- consider the information in the report
- determine whether it would wish to carry out any further scrutiny, and
- agree whether it would wish to make any comments to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 - Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2020/21 available via the following link: [Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2020 - 2021 \(safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk\)](https://safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/Annual-Report-2020-2021)

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Director of Children's Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 10 MAY 2022

REFRESH OF THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

Summary

1. The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel is being asked to consider suggestions for its 2022/23 Work Programme prior to it being submitted to Council for approval.

Background

2. The Panel routinely reviews its work programme at each meeting to consider which issues should be investigated as a priority.
3. In addition, on an annual basis, the rolling annual Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny is approved by Council. The current Work Programme was agreed by OSPB on 21 July and was approved by Council on 9 September 2021.

Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23

4. The Scrutiny Work Programme for 2022/23 is now being refreshed. Panel Members and other stakeholders have been invited to suggest topics for future scrutiny.
5. The suggestions are detailed on the draft Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1).
6. Members are asked to consider the draft Work Programme and agree its priorities for 2022/23. Issues should be prioritised by using the scrutiny feasibility criteria agreed by OSPB.

Feasibility Criteria

7. The criteria (listed below) will help to determine the scrutiny programme. A topic does not need to meet all of these criteria to be scrutinised, but they are intended as a guide for prioritisation.

- Is the issue a priority area for the Council?
- Is it a key issue for local people?
- Will it be practicable to implement the outcomes of the scrutiny?
- Are improvements for local people likely?
- Does it examine a poor performing service?
- Will it result in improvements to the way the Council operates?
- Is it related to new Government guidance or legislation?

8. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board will receive feedback on the Panels' discussions and agree the final scrutiny work programme at its 25 May meeting. Council will be asked to agree the Work Programme at its meeting on 14 September.

Remit of the Panel

9. The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel is responsible for scrutiny of:

- Children's Social Care and Families
- Public Health relating to Families
- Education and Skills

Dates of Future Meetings

- 7 July 2022 at 10am
- 20 September 2022 at 2pm
- 3 November 2022 at 10am

Purpose of the Meeting

10. The Panel is asked to consider and prioritise the draft 2022/23 Work Programme and consider whether it would wish to make any amendments. The Panel will wish to retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise.

Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 – Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel Draft Work Programme 2022/23

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- [Agenda and minutes of OSPB on 21 July 2021](#)
- [Agenda and minutes of Council on 9 September 2021](#)

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Council's website: [weblink to Agendas and Minutes](#)

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme

Date of Meeting	Issue for Scrutiny	Date of Last Report	Notes/Follow-up Action
10 May 2022	Update on GET SAFE		To include the experience of young people who have experienced the service
	Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report		
	Refresh of Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/2023		
Possible Future Items			
7 July 2022	Youth Provision in Worcestershire		To Cabinet on 21 July 2022
	Update on Worcestershire Response to the Situation in Ukraine in relation to Children and Young People		Following discussion at OSPB 26 April 2022
	Performance (Q4 January to March) and Year End Budget Monitoring		
20 September 2022	Performance (Q1 April to June) and In-Year Budget Monitoring		
3 November 2022	Performance (Q2 July to September) and In-Year Budget Monitoring		
3 November 2022	Delivery Model for Medical Education Provision – Update	16 March 2021	
TBC	Update on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Accelerated Progress Plan	23 February 2022	NB: EHCP scrutiny task group
TBC	Worcestershire Children First Independent Fostering Service Ofsted Inspection (reinspection)	23 February 2022	Following next inspection: tbc

TBC	Ofsted Inspecting local authority children's services (ILACS) Inspection – Feedback from focused visit post July 2021	11 September 2019	ILACS inspection due post July 2022
TBC	Current organisation of Education within the County (2 tier/3 tier)		Requested by Panel 16 July 2021 To be considered when further KS2 data available
TBC	Vulnerable Learners (to include children missing education, Elective Home Education, Young People not in education, employment of training (NEETS), exclusions and alternative provision)		To remain on the work programme (Requested 12 Nov 2021). More up to date data requested
TBC	Update on the Assessment Pathway for children who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).		Requested by Panel 11 January 2022
December 2022/ January 2023	All Age Disability (0-25) Service (ongoing Scrutiny of the transformation of the Service)	11 January 2021	(Jointly with Adult Care and Well Being O&S Panel) To provide feedback on consultation, timeline, KPIs. Consideration for reporting to be alternated between the two Panels.
Suggested New Items			
20 September 2022	Quality Assurance in children's services including complaints and voice of the child		Suggested by Director of Children's Services
3 November 2022	Domestic Abuse – Children and Young People		Suggested by Director of Children's Services and CMR for Children and Families
Standing Items			
March	Education Performance outcomes		Annually
July	WSCP Annual Safeguarding Report		Annually

November/January	Budget Scrutiny		
March/July/September/November	Quarterly Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring		

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