

## **Missing and Exploitation Panel (MEP) Functions**

The Missing and Exploitation Panel:

- In collaboration with the allocated CFP/SW will ensure plans to address missing and exploitation concerns are robust and reflect a multi-agency approach.
- Refer children assessed as being groomed/targeted, being exploited, or specific missing concerns to Strategic Exploitation Panel (SEP)
- Identify if/where wider support services could enhance the current level of support and allocate for this support where identified
- Document and escalate to Strategic Exploitation Panel concerns around unmet needs relating to support service gaps and / or other recurring themes
- To share information/intelligence about children who have been identified as at risk of exploitation, trafficking, county lines or gang/ASB association.
- Promote development of seamless services/breaking down barriers between services and practitioners to respond to identified risks and needs.
- Disseminate relevant information to other operational meetings i.e. Locality meetings ; MK Youth Risk Meeting etc.

## **MK Youth Risk Meeting (TVP)**

MK Youth Risk Meeting (previously known as CMET+) chaired by Thames Valley Police (TVP) is a key component of the Milton Keynes Local Policing Area – Violence , Missing and Exploitation Reduction Framework. The meeting provides a forum that brings together TVP Violent Crime Taskforce (VCT) , Problem Solving Team (PST) and Missing and Exploitation Team with multi-agency specialists in the field of missing, exploitation and trafficking from a range of services along with professional leads addressing Gang/ASB groups and County Lines.

The aim is to ensure information is shared across organisations and to reduce the possibility of agencies not being made aware of concerns at individual case level and ensure effective operational co-ordination in relation to addressing youth violence, Gangs / ASB groups and County Lines Drug networks , including work to protect victims and disrupt perpetrators of exploitation.

The monthly meeting ensures timely sharing of information and joint planning and coordination to address risks impacting on children who have been identified as at risk of offending, exploitation or trafficking through county lines or gang/ASB association. The meeting will also highlight children whose patterns of going missing may indicate the possibility of exploitation and/or trafficking linked to county lines or gang /ASB association.

Any child identified through the meeting with exploitation concerns will have an exploitation screening tool completed and a referral into the Missing and Exploitation Hub / MASH in line with current guidance if not previously completed.

The meeting will share intelligence/information gathered in regards to local issues and areas of concern to identify outside influences operating within MK, or across county boundaries, targeting MK children and provide this along with additional information about locations of concern for the Missing and Exploitation Panel / Strategic Exploitation Panel / Cross Borders Group agenda.

The meeting will map Gang/ASB associations and update risk gradings for individual children and groups and provide additional contextual information and evidence to support Missing and Exploitation Hub referrals to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) and the Early Support Project (ESP)

## **Strategic Exploitation Panel (SEP)**

The purpose of this Strategic Exploitation Panel (SEP), which replaces the MARMM, is to ensure we Protect our children and Pursue individuals and groups of concern involved in exploitation. The focus will therefore be Multi-agency strategic oversight of those at significant risk of exploitation, grooming, trafficking and specific locations.

- To explore and address themes of concern , highlighted by other Multi-Agency Meetings including : MAPPA ; MEP; MK Youth Risk Meeting; Cross Border Group ; Localities Meeting ; Targeted Tasking Coordination Group (TTCG) ; Complex Strategy Meetings

- To ensure that the multi-agency partnership are aware of specific risks to individual children at risk of exploitation.
- To problem solve and address barriers to implementing effective plans that so far have not been successful
- To use a contextualised safeguarding approach with cases to identify further protective and disruptive opportunities to address existing risks
- For the meeting to identify thematic quality assurance audits
- To offer strategic support ,protective and disruption options to address:
  - **Places of concern**
  - **Specific themes of concern**
  - **Individuals , groups and organisations**

The majority of the detailed operational planning in relation to children at risk of exploitation is done within the Missing and Exploitation Panel. The Strategic Exploitation Panel is where the Missing and Exploitation Plans for children with a higher risk grading are explored and agreed.

The SEP will work to the following agenda;

a) Plans for children being groomed, targeted or exploited or those with regular repeat missing occurrences of particular concern will be monitored by the panel under the following terms;

- Those people who are considered by the chairs of those meetings (MEP ; MK Youth Risk Meeting ; SEP ) to need a higher level of multi-agency involvement or a problem solving approach.
- Those who are presenting a high level of risk and the respective chairs would like oversight and quality assurance.
- Repeat missing children requiring a higher level multi-agency approach.
- Children placed in MK from other local authorities who are presenting particular challenges.

b) Disruption plans to address individuals / groups of concern

c) Places of concern

d) Issues / Themes of concern

e) Data – exploitation and missing

f) Actions set and agreed

It is anticipated that with identified review arrangements in place fewer individual cases will be discussed in detail at each meeting ,affording more time for problem solving discussions between partners.

## **Cross Border Group (CBG)**

The purpose of the Child Exploitation (CE) Cross Border Group (CBG) is to build collaborative working relationships with neighbouring authorities in order to better understand how and why children are being exploited and to take action to prevent this occurring; and to assure a co-ordinated response that fully addresses all systemic concerns surrounding child exploitation.

Through these meetings CBG members will be a point of contact for other members to discuss individual concerns where exploitation may be occurring across counties.

The CBG is a professional forum to enable good practice to be shared to enable members to refer to when reviewing their own local working policies or operational responses

## **Locality meeting**

This is a quarterly multi-agency meeting with one meeting covering the North of MK and the other covering south and central. It provides a forum to discuss information/intelligence relating to children missing, trafficked, exploitation concerns. The meeting it to identify at the earliest opportunity children where schools and other local organisations can explore if children discussed need escalating. This forum will also provide an opportunity to discuss potential perpetrators and identify local areas of concern associated with exploitation.

One of the meeting's objectives is to enable safeguarding leads from schools and other agencies to come together to build relationships and to provide an information flow between schools and other services in disrupting and responding to exploitation