

Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth & Southampton (HIPS) Child Exploitation Newsletter

Quarterly professionals update from the HIPS Child Exploitation Group - Autumn 2019

What is this newsletter?

The Safeguarding Partnerships in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton are working together to tackle child exploitation. This is a new newsletter to keep professionals in all four areas up to date with issues and progress & flag up local and national campaigns.

Children as young as 10 are being targeted for sexual exploitation in every type of community across the country.

Children's Society

NEW HIPS Procedures Website

The new procedures website comprises a helpful manual for practitioners working across the HIPS area. Guidance in a range of issues in the categories of:

- Assessing need & Providing Help
- Safeguarding practice guidelines
- Children in specific circumstances (neglect, exploitation)
- Harmful practices linked to faith or culture
- Parents who have additional needs
- Parents who pose a risk of harm to children

Did you know ...

... last year 315 children and young people were caught in possession of a bladed implement in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

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County Lines Briefings

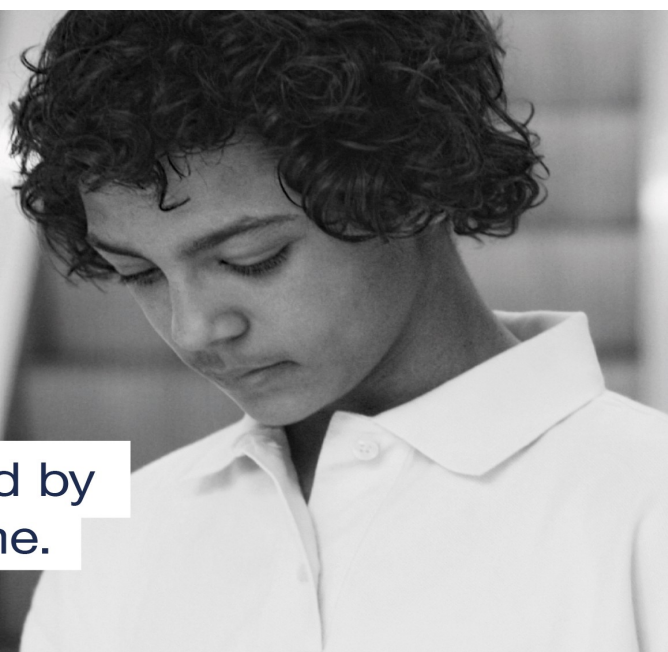
#neverchooseknives

Update from the HIPS Child Exploitation Group

Home Office County Lines Partner Pack

Councillors guide to Modern Slavery

Children are being exploited by gangs involved in drug crime.
Know the signs to spot.



Updates from the meeting of 17 October 2019

Child Criminal Exploitation awareness raising - DI Ross Toms and PC Maria Carrick have run a series of briefings on Child Criminal Exploitation and use of the Community Partnership Intelligence (CPI) form. The workshops give a briefing on types of child criminal exploitation, explain how County Lines drug supply works and how practitioners can share information with the Police in confidence. It was noted that some more awareness raising events targeted at practitioners working with vulnerable adults would be useful as they too can be criminally exploited and involved in County Lines, often via 'cuckooing' (the taking over of a vulnerable person's address). More briefings are planned for 2020 in Eastleigh, Hart & Rushmoor, Havant and Waterlooville, Fareham & Gosport and East Hants. Check [safe4me](#) for information.

Teachable Moments project—Hampshire Constabulary worked with Social care colleagues in the Hampshire Willow team and secured funding for intervention workshops with young people in PRU settings across H&IOW with the option of some 1:1 work. The workshops will begin in Autumn and more will take place in the new year. Feedback will be collated from the St Giles Trust, students they work with and the schools they attend. Updates to follow. [Click](#) for more information on the St Giles Trust and the work they do to with young people.

Engaging with Education Providers—options to boost engagement with education providers was discussed and options included creating a common resource for schools to use in their PSHE lessons, possibly utilising short videos. It was agreed that a task & finish group will meet to pull together activity in each HIPS is doing with regard to engaging with education settings. This will include taking a planned approach to the Department for Education Guidance on PSHE lessons which needs to be implemented by September 2020, promoting the Safe4me website & potentially involving Police Apprentices' work on creating resources with schools (see #dontchooseknives on back page).

Serious Violence update—YOT update Southampton Police update. Hampshire Constabulary have commissioned Dean Cody of [Urban Pure Solutions](#) to deliver workshops on knife crime in 20 schools across the HIPS area in the New Year. Hampshire Constabulary are also recruiting two Education Managers to work with schools on preventing serious violence in young people. Updates on progress with these initiatives will be made in the New Year.

Multi Agency Training— Online Safety workshops—Professor Andy Phippen will be running three workshops in the New Year to look at the current issues for young people in online safety. The Youth Commissioners have helped to design the workshops and dates and booking details will be confirmed and circulated by Southampton Safeguarding Partnership.

Missing children—the group agreed that there should be increased scrutiny on the response to missing children and the 'return home' interviews that they area offered. A task & finish group will be set up to focus on this. It was also noted that Hampshire Constabulary have led on a 'missing collaboration meeting' and will also be setting up a scrutiny panel, both of which will review responses and processes with social care partners. Lastly, it was noted that the Southampton Missing, exploited and Trafficked hub had received excellent feedback in the recent Ofsted had received excellent feedback in the recent Ofsted inspection around the effectiveness of return interviews and subsequent direct work to support families and the "clear analysis of risks". Well done Laura, Simon & Team!

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Multi agency training— The Safeguarding Children Partnerships are exploring opportunities to co-commission multi-agency training on child exploitation to ensure that coordinated and consistent messages are given to front-line professionals including pathways for support. A recent programme of work, delivered across the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton areas, seeks to support children in alternative education provision/pupil referral units and prevent them from becoming involved in criminal exploitation. Further training initiatives will be confirmed in due course.

The following documents were circulated to the group for information and are featured on the back page of this newsletter:

- All of Us Were Broken Report
- Modern Slavery Case Studies
- Councillors Guide on Modern Slavery
- County Lines Partner Pack, Home Office

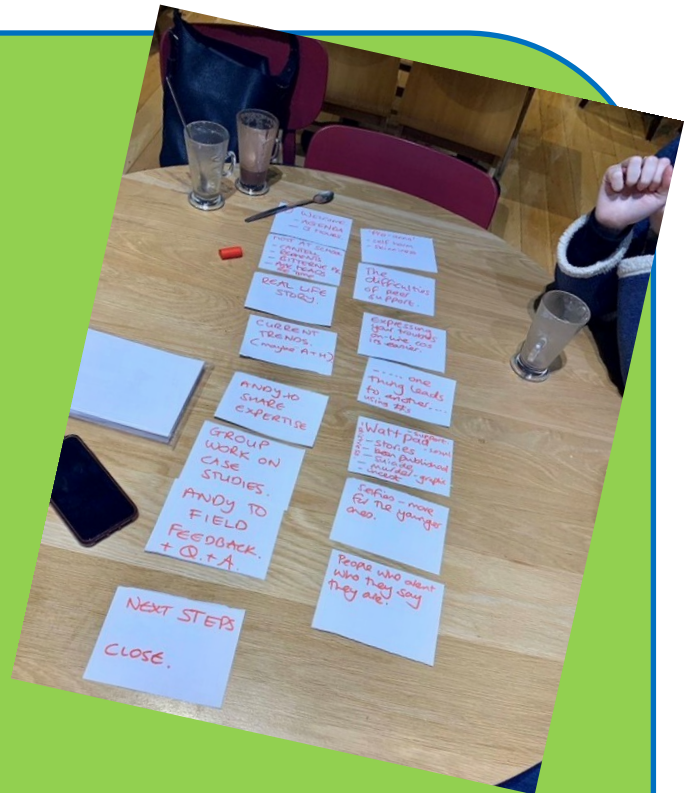
A word from the Youth Commissioners

Hannah & Amelia are Youth Commissioners

who give a voice to young people at the Child Exploitation meetings and provide scrutiny to the group. Here they discuss their key issue from this quarter's meeting.....

At this meeting we were really pleased to see more happening in schools to explain to young people what exploitation is and the many forms it can take. We have mentioned before to the group that young people often do not want to report concerns to the Police, School teachers or anyone else really, and any action to raise awareness is progress.

Out of the meeting we have been working on the planning for some online safety sessions. We met at Costa and talked about the issues that young people are facing most online, and how a workshop could run. You can see the issues we felt are important for young people on the right hand side of the photo, and we decided that a training session could run along the lines of the left hand column. The sessions will be run by Professor Andy Phippen but you will probably see us there too! These training events will be advertised on Event Brite soon so keep an eye out for them and we look forward to seeing you.



Hannah & Amelia

The HIPS Child Exploitation Group also received documents on the following issues plus some more current campaigns and updates

New research: *'All of us were broken'* is an exploratory study into the effects on families whose children have been criminally exploited, particularly through County Lines, and as a result have frequently been missing.

One person who took part in the report "My life's journey of having a child being criminally exploited has been an absolute nightmare on all levels. Something drastically needs to change in how agencies are responding to exploitation. This report could not have come quickly enough. It's been so important to share my personal story in the hope that it provokes questions, awareness, advocacy for affected families, and public services coming together to understand that our children and young people are victims, not criminals".

LGA Councillors' Guide to Tackling Modern Slavery

Councillors are a key interface between the constituents they represent and the local authorities that they serve on. The LGA has produced refreshed Councillors Guide to Tackling Modern Slavery. The guidance can be downloaded [here](#). Please feel free to share with any elected members that you work with.

Home Office County Lines Partner Pack

The County Lines Partner Pack is part of the Home Office awareness raising campaign for County Lines. The Pack provides targeted information and resources to download for staff working in various sectors such as letting agents and landlords taxi staff, those working in the rail industry, and bus and coach staff. The Pack is available [here](#). Follow the Home Office on Twitter at @HOhomeoffice



Young people lead on knife crime awareness through music

The NeverChooseKnives rap video is a new anti-knife crime message for young people by young people, about the dangers of carrying a knife. The NeverChooseKnives rap/video is a new anti-knife crime message for young people by young people, about the dangers of carrying a knife.

Created by Year 10 pupils from St George's Catholic School in Southampton as part of the Police Apprentice Initiative, NeverChooseKnives is aimed at 9 - 14 year-olds, who are at a transitional stage in life find-



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