

# Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	07 November 2023
Title of Report:	<b>Child Exploitation Update</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications)
Lead Strategic Director:	David Haley (Interim Director of Children's Services)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

The Child Exploitation Update report provides an overview and update on the Adolescent Safety Framework (ASF) that was created as Plymouth's approach to supporting older children and young people experiencing harm from outside the home. The ASF is a way of responding to and supporting older children and young people aged 11 – 18 (aged 25 for care leavers). It aims to understand the different needs of this age group and is designed to respond to harm experienced outside the family home. These contextual risks and threats to young people's safety can include, child sexual exploitation, peer exploitation, child criminal exploitation, gang activity (county lines) and online exploitation.

The report from the Independent Scrutineer of Plymouth Safeguarding Children Partnership was presented to the Partnership Improvement Board in September and has informed the development of the improvement priorities and plan.

## Recommendations and Reasons

Scrutiny is asked to note the reports and recommendations

## Alternative options considered and rejected

The report sets out the plans to further develop the framework in Plymouth

## Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Focus on prevention, early intervention and keeping children, young people and adults protected.

## Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

No implications at this stage

## Financial Risks

This plan for improvement is mitigated against longer term risks

**Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:**

No known implications

**Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:**

\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

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A	Child Exploitation Update							
B	Plymouth Safeguarding Children Partnership - Child Exploitation update							

**Background papers:**

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Nigel Denning (Service Director for Children, Young People and Families)

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 30/10/2023

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader/ Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications)

Date approved: 30/10/2023