**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING STEERING GROUP**

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| **Meeting Objective:** | The Contextual Safeguarding Steering Group will provide oversight for children and adults at risk of exploitation and the threat of Serious and Organised Crime.  The meeting will bring together relevant professionals from across Children and Adults Services as well as Partner Agencies and key stakeholders, to analyse information from Operational meetings, develop a ‘profile’ across Cheshire East of Contextual Safeguarding and Serious and Organised Crime and consider how Services can work together to reduce the threat, risk and harm as outlined in the Contextual Safeguarding and Serious and Organised Crime Strategy. |
| **Responsible for:** | **All agencies**  All agencies to co-operate in the collation and scrutiny of any relevant information shared. To present an analysis of any information their organisation provides.  To act as a conduit between this meeting and their organisation.  Take away any actions / escalations where challenge is provided by other agencies about ongoing concerns for children and to feedback to this group with a response. |
| **Function:** | Contextual Safeguarding and Serious and Organised Crime Steering Group meetings will take place on a 6 weekly basis via MS Teams to enable virtual attendance.  The data for the meeting should be provided in advance with a brief analysis for discussion and should cover all of the measures as outlined in the Strategy.  Relevant, proportionate, and legal information should be shared by all agencies which will facilitate effective decision making. Where necessary agencies are expected to provide appropriate support and challenge to reach safeguarding decisions for children and young people.  Any actions are recorded, and a tracker kept to be reviewed at the next meeting. |
| **Accountable to:** | The Contextual Safeguarding Steering Group will produce a regular report to CS/SOC Strategic Board and the LSCP Executive which will include:   * Analysis of themes and trends across Cheshire East re CS and SOC * Missing from home analysis * Overview of how the Steering Group is impacting on the 4P’s as per CS /SOC Strategy. * Issues for escalation to the Board |
| **Chair and Membership:** | The chairing of the meeting will rotate on a 6 monthly basis with a co-chair from another agency being nominated.  Whereby the identified agency member is unable to attend a representative must be identified to attend on their behalf.  **Cheshire East Local Authority**  Children’s Social Care Service Manager  (Front Door, CiN/CP/ Cared For/ Safeguarding Service)  Children’s Early Help Service Manager  @CT Team Manager  **We are With You** (Commissioned Service)  Service Manager  **Cheshire Police**  Inspector  Force Intelligence Bureau  **Education**  **Integrated Care Board**  Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children and Children in Care  Deputy Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children  **Wirral Community Health & Care NHS Trust**  Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children  **East Cheshire Trust**  Head of Safeguarding – Named Nurse Safeguarding  **Mid Cheshire Foundation Trust**  Head of Safeguarding – Named Nurse Safeguarding  **Cheshire and Wirral Partnership – CAMHS**  Head of Safeguarding – Named Nurse Safeguarding  **CGL**  Deputy Services Manager / Designated Safeguarding Lead  **Sexual Health**  Deputy Regional Lead Nurse  **Youth Justice**  **Adult Safeguarding**  **Other**  Invitees from other organisations will also be invited as and when it is appropriate. |
| **Approach:** | The focus will be on the review of data sourced from Police, Health, Youth Justice, Social Care and the voluntary sector to identify any themes and trends and to concentrate ongoing developmental work to reduce threat to children and adults or exploitation and serious and organised crime.  The meeting will also consider Quality Assurance activity, national and local developments and sharing good practice and learning.  Guest speakers will be invited to attend to ensure the group are kept abreast of both local and national developments in practice for this vulnerable cohort of young people. |
| **Performance Measures:** | The meeting will scrutinise and analyse the data provided within multi agency scorecard presented at the Contextual Safeguarding and Serious and Organised Crime Strategic Board to ensure that the operational meetings continue to work towards the early identification of contextual risks and reduce the level of harm to young people. |
| **TOR Reviewed and Updated:** | **31st January 2023** |