

18th March 2016

## **National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day Friday 18th March**



She didn't  
feel she had  
a choice,  
**you do**

**SPEAK OUT  
AGAINST  
CHILD SEXUAL  
EXPLOITATION**

**HELP US TO  
GIVE CHILDREN  
A VOICE**

LEARN MORE

[www.stop-cse.org](http://www.stop-cse.org)

The National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day aims to highlight the issues surrounding Child Sexual Exploitation; encouraging everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children developing inappropriate relationships with other children.

Reading LSCB are committed to the fight against child sexual exploitation and supporting victims and their families who are subjected to child sexual exploitation.

### **Training & Development**

The Reading CSE Coordinator (Becky Tyler) is currently leading on the development of a Berkshire West CSE Training Pathway to meet the needs of all professionals.

Plans are underway to launch the full pathway in April 2016.

To date we have imbedded information about CSE in to all universal safeguarding Children training courses. 416 professionals have received CSE training at Targeted or Specialist levels. In addition Thames Valley Police provided a number of Intelligence Sharing awareness workshops which were attended by 52 senior practitioners and managers with more sessions scheduled for 2016.

For information regarding training available please contact [becky.tyler@reading.gov.uk](mailto:becky.tyler@reading.gov.uk)

## Boys and Young Men

Safeguarding is  
Everybody's  
Business

Child Sexual  
Exploitation is a  
form of Child Abuse

CSE is not the  
child's fault

We need to listen  
to all children

Share intelligence  
with the Police so  
we can disrupt  
Perpetrators

Boys can be  
exploited too

Every child has a  
right to a childhood

ANY child could be  
exploited

Going missing is a  
key indicator of  
CSE



**Exploited?  
Groomed?  
Abused?  
Tricked?  
Forced?  
Raped?  
Used?**

**Think this doesn't  
happen to boys?**

**THINK  
AGAIN!**

Boys and Young Men can also be victims of Sexual Exploitation. Despite growing interest in the UK and internationally in child sexual exploitation (CSE), policy-makers, practitioners, researchers and the media have tended to focus primarily on female victims. Consequently, the sexual exploitation of young males has been largely overlooked:1 remarkably little is known about this group, their experiences, vulnerabilities or support needs.

Reading LSCB is committed to raising awareness of the risk to boys & young men and protecting ALL children from harm.



**REMEMBER—SIGNS & INDICATORS OF CSE ARE  
SIGNS AND INDICATORS, REGARDLESS OF GENDER !**

## CSE Updates



### Child Sexual Exploitation Indicator Tool:

The Pan-Berkshire CSE Indicator Tool enables practitioners to consider CSE risk and should be used to inform both referrals to Children's Social Care and assessments.

The Tool can be located within the Berkshire Child Protection online procedures document [http://berks.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p\\_ch\\_sex\\_exploit.html](http://berks.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_ch_sex_exploit.html)

### CSE Risk Assessment Toolkit:

A Risk Assessment Toolkit has been developed as a resource to enable professionals to assess a child's level of risk of CSE in a quick, consistent and child friendly manner. The toolkit also provides useful information for professionals when working with children and parents/carers <http://www.readinglscb.org.uk/information-professionals/child-sexual-exploitation/>

### Barnardos Specialist Service:

In March 2015 Barnardos offered to provide a local specialist CSE service in Reading as part of their national U-Turn project. Two CSE Workers are based at Hamilton Road with the RBC Specialist Youth Service Team. The role of these workers is to offer one to one support to identified children up to their 19th birthday (providing referral is received before their 18th Birthday). Referrals to the Barnardos staff can be made using the U-Turn referral form. Email [becky.tyler@reading.gov.uk](mailto:becky.tyler@reading.gov.uk) for a copy of the referral form. The Manager of the Barnardos project is also a member of the Reading LSCB CSE & Missing Strategic Group.

### Champions:

Reading currently has 23 CSE champions. The Champions have received higher level training and meet monthly to share information and discuss local issues. It is the role of the Champions to cascade CSE related information back in their teams. We recognise that many of the Champions are Reading borough Council staff and we are looking to recruit further Champions from Health, Police, Education and Voluntary Sector. If you wish to become a CSE Champion, or to find out who your CSE Champion is please email: [CSEchampions@reading.gov.uk](mailto:CSEchampions@reading.gov.uk)

### SEMRAC:

Sexual Exploitation and Missing Risk Assessment Conference (SEMRAC) is a multi-agency operational group who meet regularly to consider level of risk to victims, facilitate multi-agency discussion, sharing and mapping of information and intelligence and considers disruption activity. SEMRAC also have an oversight of intervention plans in place e.g. CP, CIN. SEMRAC is currently supported by a dedicated Business Support Officer [sarah.walters@reading.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.walters@reading.gcsx.gov.uk)

## Helping Hands Campaign

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Staff and Leaders across Reading, from all agencies, are getting on board to promote Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day on Friday 18th March

There are a number of activities and sessions taking place with children, parents/carers and professionals throughout the week of 14th March which concludes with Thames Valley Police, Reading Borough Council, Reading LSCB and Voluntary Sector agencies running a market place stall on Broad Street throughout lunchtime of the 18th

If you would like to get on board with the campaign please write your personal commitment to Child Sexual Exploitation on your hands, take a photo and share across Social media

Please use the following hashtags on all Social media activity:

#helpinghandsRDG #CSEday16

If you would like more information about the campaign, or how you could get involved, please contact Becky Tyler, CSE Coordinator on Tel: 0118 937 2250



Fran Gosling-Thomas, Independent LSCB Chair #helpinghandsRDG