



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

Quarterly professionals update from the HIPS Child Exploitation Group - Summer 2021

The HIPS partners continue to work together to tackle child exploitation and the different risks to children that the pandemic has brought. This newsletter keeps professionals in all four areas up-to-date with issues and progress discussed in the HIPS Child Exploitation meetings and to flag up local and national campaigns.

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## HIPS CERAF Survey

A **huge thank you** to those of you who completed the HIPS wide CERAF Survey. We received over 450 responses. The results were analysed and presented with recommendations to the HIPS Child Exploitation Strategic Group. It was agreed:

1. To mark the one-year anniversary of the CERAF launch (**1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**), the CERAF tool and associated guidance and training links will be disseminated again across all the LSCP's communication channels. The communication pack will include graphics, tweets, and key achievements that all agencies can utilise to support key messages.
2. MET leads from across HIPS meet to review the detailed responses to the survey and combine this with other feedback mechanisms to assess if any changes or amendments are required to the tool, guidance, or training packages prior to the anniversary relaunch.
3. CERAF training to continue to be delivered HIPS-wide during 2021-22. LSCP managers/ training leads to use detailed data from the survey and training attendance figures to target organisations/ sectors as required.
4. Results of the CSERQ4 Survey will be shared with health representatives via the HIPS Health Group and HIPS Procedures Group to support next steps.



**MISSING update:** This meeting of the HIPS Child Exploitation Strategic Group considered an update from the Missing Children task and finish group

The group have reviewed the: [Children’s views on being reported missing from care - Missing People Report.](#)

Headline messages

- Young people want carers, social workers and the police to avoid making assumptions about them and why they might have gone missing—every child is different
- It is not inevitable young people will go missing
- Young people do not want the police to automatically be contacted if they are not where they are supposed to be—they want decisions based on their unique situations
- When the police do have contact with a missing young person they should act supportively and respectfully towards them
- Professionals should try to understand the unique challenges facing looked after children

[HIPS Children and Families that go Missing Procedure](#) has been updated.

This now includes resources from the [Missing People Charity](#). Posters and cards that can be printed or used digitally. Please take a look and add these resources to your “toolkit”.

The [HIPS Children who are Exploited Procedure](#) has been updated.

This now includes Guides to Disruption techniques that may be used. Please use this link to find out more about how disruption activity is designed to reduce risks posed to young people under 18 who are at risk of being exploited. Check out the **Disruption Practitioner Sheet**.



Hampshire Constabulary Education Partnership Team updated the HIPS Child Exploitation Group on their work and School and Youth Engagement Strategy.

Hampshire Constabulary School and Youth Engagement Strategy

There is a strong focus on an early intervention approach .

**OBJECTIVES:**

Recognise children who are vulnerable or at risk and respond effectively to protect them

Build stronger relationships with children and young people

Enable our staff and officers to provide the best possible service to young people by equipping them with knowledge and skills

Strengthen existing and build new partnerships

Promote a culture of persistent Learning

## Hampshire Constabulary Education Partnership Team Structure and Strategy

Early intervention focus to prevent children from becoming involved in the criminal justice system, through work with young people, schools and partners.

### THE 7 S's

Safeguarding Guidance Document

School Delivery

Shaping Trauma Informed Training



Submitting CPs

School Charter

Safe4Me

School Strategy

Want to find out more—click [Here](#)



**EXPLOITATION**

## An update from the Youth Commissioners “The Big Conversation”

At the last child exploitation meeting I had the opportunity to fill the group in on the Youth Commissions most recent exploitation findings from our Big Conversation cards. I highlighted that again Havant and Portsmouth are areas of concern as these were where young people between the ages of 13-15 felt the biggest risk to them, or their peers was the threat of exploitation.

In general young people also highlighted the serious impact exploitation can have on a young person's mental health and well-being. Many want to be able to better understand the process of exploitation and ways in which they can help themselves avoid it in the future.

Following on from the responses to exploitation in our **Big Conversation** cards the Youth Commission was asked by other participants to help seek young people's perspectives on the current communication channels for engaging young people as well as any interventions that have had a positive impact. We're in the process of arranging a meeting with members to discuss answers to these questions, which I can then feedback at the next meeting to hopefully help give a new insight into what young people think of what's currently in place and any positive impact it's had.

See you next time,

**Amelia, Youth Commission Exploitation Mentor**

## **DATES for your DIARY**

**1st September** relaunch of the CERAF, including access to a “how to complete a CERAF” video tutorial.

### **Training :**

Pan-Hampshire Missing Webinar (children) – Weds 15/12/21, 12:00 – 13:00

**Please use your LSCP to access this and other safeguarding training (details below):**

[southamptonscp.org.uk/](http://southamptonscp.org.uk/) [www.hampshirescp.org.uk/](http://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/) [www.iowscp.org.uk/](http://www.iowscp.org.uk/) [www.portsmouthscp.org.uk/](http://www.portsmouthscp.org.uk/)

## **UPDATES from your Local Children Safeguarding Partnerships**

### **Hampshire (HSCP)**

HSCP Child Exploitation Delivery Plan has been signed off by Safeguarding Partners with a new HSCP Child Exploitation Sub Group in place. Review of Child Exploitation is ongoing and findings will be shared with the HIPS Child Exploitation Group

### **Portsmouth (PSCP)**

Partners are working to embed use of CERAF and toolkit into practice, building on the good awareness. Hotel Watch has been well responded to and will be helpful as summer holidays happen. PSCP continues to focus on learning from success, focusing on what went well and sharing that learning.

### **Isle of Wight (IOWSCP)**

IOWSCP Child Exploitation Plan has been signed off by Safeguarding Partners. IOWSCP have established a local group with extended membership to ensure actions are delivered. CPI numbers remain an area for development.

### **Southampton (SSCP)**

Deep dive thematic audit re Child Exploitation planned for later this year/early 2022. Findings will be shared with HIPS Exploitation Group. Child Exploitation assurance reporting to the Safeguarding Partners in place every 6 months. CPI numbers are improving. Recent OFSTED focussed visits reported positively in terms of the effectiveness of the Missing Exploited Trafficked Hub and participation in return home conversations. Plan in place with Hampshire Constabulary to roll out the Philomena Protocol.

***And don't forget! They're back,  
they're bigger...and badder than  
ever!***

**LOCAL LAUNCHES NEAR YOU SOON....**

