



Audit Team

CSE Multi Agency Audit took place in July 2017 and included practitioners from

- Children's Social Care
- Barnardo's BASE
- Health
- Youth Offending Service
- Education
- Police

Audits are planned to take place twice a year



Background to Case Audit

10 cases were selected, and 9 cases were audited due to time restraints. All the children were on the CSE List in South Gloucestershire. The group used an audit tool and spent the last hour of the day considering themes that emerged during the audit.



What Worked Well?

Overall it was recognised that progress has been made. There was evidence in all cases that staff from different agencies have an understanding about CSE, the risks to children and attempts to reduce the risks.

One case showed a good working relationship between BASE and Social Care

Some clear recording in GP records about risk of CSE



Recommendations

1. When primary reason for CP plan is CSE, the category should always be Risk of Sexual Harm
2. Reminder to Social Care to share CP plan information with GPs
3. Aide memoire for practitioners to support good practice with recording clear plans
4. Work with sexual health clinics to ensure greater multi agency involvement
5. Disruption plans should be clear on children's files
6. Further work identified to support schools, including PRUs and explore action for home educated children
7. Perpetrator information to be collated and reported via CSE/Missing sub group.
8. Briefings to staff will highlight need for early completion of SERAF
9. Future audits will be limited to eight cases

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Theme: CP Plans

5 of the 9 children are currently subject to a CP plan.

Not all the children's plans were under the category of sexual abuse, even though this was the main risk.

Two of the children were looked after children, and the case audit demonstrated that a CP conference should have taken place for one them.

The auditors identified confusion across agencies about CP plans for Looked After Children



Theme: Prosecution

In a significant number of cases, the child had made a statement and retracted, didn't want to pursue a prosecution(5) or had not made allegations. Police investigations had been NFA'd where a child didn't want to pursue. There were no clear multi agency plans around disruption efforts evident in records



Theme: Delays

Some concerns were raised about timeliness in identifying risk and planning to reduce risk. This included:

- Delay convening strategy discussion
- Delay completing SERAF



Theme: Education

Most children were not attending mainstream education.

- 2 are home schooled
- Several attend the PRU

School exclusion was common in the audit group.



Theme: Information Sharing

Large variations were found. GP & School Nurse records showed some cases where there was a clear record of CSE concerns for the child, however in other cases there was no reference to any CSE concerns. In one case records did not show that a child was subject to a CP plan.

There was a lack of information about sexual health clinic involvement, with records showing a plan for a child to attend, but no follow up recorded.

Information had not always been shared with BASE about children, even though all the children were on the CSE list.

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