

# Child Exploitation Multi Agency Audit

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This audit reviewed the records of eight children to consider how effectively organisations within South Gloucestershire identify and respond to child exploitation. The aim of the audit was to assess whether there were good multi agency standards for managing cases and whether organisations have implemented a robust and consistent response in line with statutory and good practice guidance, SGCP policies and procedures.

This audit identified a theme of Parents asking for help and support regarding their child's behaviour inside and outside the home.

**Click on this space to access training 'Working with Parents through Child Exploitation'**

## Themes

### Organisations involved were

YOT, Children's Social Care, Sirona, Preventative Services – Families Plus and YPS, Pathways Learning Centre, Safeguarding Advisor for Education, Police, CAMHS, BNSSG CCG on behalf of GPs, BASE.



Children were aged from 12-17 years



4 girls  
4 boys

3 child sexual exploitation



Victim blaming language was identified by the audit, this always needs to be challenged

4 children criminal exploitation

1 child criminal and sexual exploitation

Transitions between workers or teams is causing delays, information and shared understanding of risks was sometimes lost and the relationship building between young people and workers was disrupted by the changes.

Gender of perpetrators and victims was seen to influence professional's understanding and response.

Access the Exploitation Identification Tool here (this replaces SERAF)

Two of the children are children looked after, three of the children are subject of child protection plans, One child is subject of Child in Need plan, one child working with preventative services and one is closed to social care following an assessment.

**Click for appropriate language toolkit**

This audit saw a collaborative multi agency cross border working and creative approaches to seeing children during lockdown. There was evidence of persistence of workers from different organisations, sticking with a young person.

Key professionals (for example the correct education provider and BASE) are not always being invited to key meetings including strategy discussions.

Key professionals may not have a robust understanding of CCE and Trafficking. NRM referrals are not always being considered. This was also identified in previous audits.

**Click this space to access information about NRM referrals**

