

## Serious Case Review: Children A, B, C, D, E, F

### Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB) recommendations and planned actions to continue improvement

#### Background information:

These 13 recommendations are taken from the overview report for the serious case review and are for the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board. They sit alongside a further 14 action plans for agencies to address child sexual exploitation within the county contained within individual management reports (IMRs). Improvements and learning to date from action already completed within individual organisations can be found in the [child sexual exploitation in Oxfordshire: agency responses since 2011](#) document. All these actions are monitored through the OSCB's quality assurance subgroup on a quarterly basis. Any failure to submit updates or discharge actions will be reported to the Board and Independent Chair.

The proposed actions and timeframes below provide a high level summary for the delivery of the OSCB's recommendations. They outline improvements that will follow over the next 12 months to ensure that child sexual exploitation remains a focus and is addressed effectively across the County.

Recommendation	Proposed action / time frame	Lead
i. Ask each member agency to review its escalation procedures, and provide assurance to the Board	Agencies to submit a report on (a) their internal escalation arrangements and (b) how they monitor compliance with these arrangements by July 2015.  Report on compliance with these escalation arrangements (that	Agencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thames Valley Police</li><li>• Probation</li><li>• County Council ( social care; early intervention; YOS; public health commissioning drugs and alcohol service and sexual health services)</li></ul>

<p>that they are understood and complied with</p>	<p>demonstrates that frontline staff and middle managers are using it effectively) to be provided by December 2015.</p> <p>Compliance check on escalation arrangements to demonstrated at the peer review for section 11 returns in 2015. (Event to take place in Spring 2016)</p> <p>Appraisal of supervision policies to be included in the annual report for 2015/ 16. (Released in July 2016)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxford City DC</li> <li>• Cherwell DC</li> <li>• West Oxford DC</li> <li>• South &amp; Vale of White Horse DC</li> <li>• OUH</li> <li>• OH NHS FT</li> <li>• OCCG</li> <li>• Cafcass</li> <li>• Donnington Doorstep</li> </ul>
<p>ii. Review the inter-relationships with other multiagency partnerships such as district community safety partnerships, and the County Safer Community Partnership to ensure there is mutual clarity of each other's roles, and appropriate cross representation.</p>	<p>Review of partnership arrangements and strategic connections between the OSCB, Children's Trust and the Community Safety Partnerships was completed in May 2014.</p> <p>OSCB to have representation from each district council on the Board February by 2015</p> <p>OSCB to have representation from Community Safety Partnerships on the Board by February 2015</p> <p>Business Planning for 2015/16 to reflect improved working arrangements August 2015.</p>	<p>Strategic partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSCB Chair</li> <li>• Children's Trust Chairman</li> <li>• Community Safety Partnership Chairs</li> </ul> <p>and OCC safeguarding Partnerships Post</p>

<p>iii. Ask each agency to provide evidence of its supervision policies and how the agencies ensure they are effective</p>	<p>Agencies to submit a report on (a) their supervision arrangements and (b) how they monitor compliance with these arrangements by July 2015.</p> <p>Report on compliance with the supervision arrangement to be provided by December 2015</p> <p>Compliance check on supervision arrangements to demonstrated at the peer review for section 11 returns in 2015. (Event to take place in Spring 2016)</p> <p>Schools to ensure compliance through their annual safeguarding submission to the County's Schools Safeguarding Team.</p> <p>Appraisal of supervision policies to be included in the annual report for 2015/ 16. (Released in July 2016)</p>	<p>Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thames Valley Police</li> <li>• Probation</li> <li>• County Council ( social care; early intervention; YOS; public health commissioning drugs and alcohol service and sexual health services)</li> <li>• Oxford City DC</li> <li>• Cherwell DC</li> <li>• West Oxford DC</li> <li>• South &amp; Vale of Wh DC</li> <li>• OUH</li> <li>• OH NHS FT</li> <li>• OCCG</li> <li>• Cafcass</li> <li>• Donnington Doorstep</li> </ul>
<p>iv. Be assured that the lessons from this Review and IMRs are embedded in OSCB and single agency training</p>	<p>Update OSCB multi-agency CSE training for local practitioners in line with the learning and recommendations from SCR. Additional 'learning points summary' to become a course hand-out along with practitioner guide, screening tool etc. for delegates by end March 2015.</p>	<p>Oxford City Council leads who developed the course with the OSCB Business unit.</p>

	<p>Training subgroup to observe revised OSCB CSE training to quality assure that course has been appropriately revised by end of May 2015.</p> <p>County wide CSE learning events to involve over 400 practitioners from different settings working with children – the first of which is in March 2015.</p> <p>Learning summary 'eyes on' document to contain report's learning points to be available on the OSCB website from March 2015.</p> <p>Agencies to report in their 2015/16 return to the Training subgroup as to how they have embedded lessons. Agencies will have to complete the response to an agreed template and submit according to a scheduled reporting date in 2015/16.</p>	<p>Chair of the OSCB Training subgroup</p> <p>TVP, OCC, OCCG, OUH and OH NHS FT with support of the OSCB Business unit</p> <p>OSCB Business unit and County Safeguarding Manager</p> <p>Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thames Valley Police</li> <li>• Probation</li> <li>• County Council ( social care; early intervention; YOS; public health commissioning drugs and alcohol service and sexual health services)</li> <li>• Oxford City DC</li> <li>• Cherwell DC</li> <li>• West Oxford DC</li> <li>• South &amp; Vale of Wh DC</li> <li>• OUH</li> <li>• OH NHS FT</li> <li>• OCCG</li> <li>• Cafcass</li> </ul>
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	Appraisal of agency responses on training to be included in the annual report for 2015/ 16. (Released in July 2016)	Training subgroup chair, OCSB Business Unit
v. Ensure that the messages from victims and their families given to this review are embedded in training	<p>Update OSCB multi-agency CSE training for local practitioners in line with the views expressed by families and victims in the SCR by end March 2015.</p> <p>Training subgroup to quality assure the OSCB CSE training to ensure that the course has been appropriately revised to include the voice of victims by end of May 2015</p> <p>Involve parents and victims in the county wide CSE learning events</p>	<p>Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thames Valley Police</li> <li>• Probation</li> <li>• County Council ( social care; early intervention; YOS; public health commissioning drugs and alcohol service and sexual health services)</li> <li>• Oxford City DC</li> <li>• Cherwell DC</li> <li>• West Oxford DC</li> <li>• South &amp; Vale of Wh DC</li> <li>• OUH</li> <li>• OH NHS FT</li> <li>• OCCG</li> <li>• Cafcass</li> <li>• Donnington Doorstep</li> </ul> <p>Alison Chapman, Chair of the Training subgroup</p> <p>TVP, OCC, OCCG, OUH and OH NHS FT with support of the OSCB Business unit</p>

	<p>– the first of which is in March 2015</p> <p>Work with interested parents of victims to produce a learning summary on the parental perspective by end July 2015</p>	County Council and OSCB Business Unit
vi. Seek evidence that minutes of multiagency meetings are clear about ownership , have consistent titles, and can be seen by their content and appearance to be seen as of high value	<p>OSCB Subgroup template and standards for recording set. OSCB action log developed to monitor all actions agreed by the board. Challenge log to record issues and response and outcomes. Standard template agreed with guidance on multi-agency minute taking. March 2015</p> <p>OSCB subgroups to be audited each year to involve lay member input to test the accessibility of the minutes. December 2015</p> <p>Independent Reviewing Officer Managers to conduct an audit of multi-agency minutes on an annual basis as part of the OCC quality Assurance work. This should include parental feedback on the accessibility and quality of the minutes. Findings to be reported in to Board’s quality assurance subgroup by the Safeguarding Manager, County Council as a scheduled report in 2015/16.</p> <p>Evidence the outcome of audits in the OSCB annual report 2015 / 16 to provide re-assurance of high quality reporting (May 2016)</p>	<p>OSCB Chair</p> <p>OCC safeguarding Partnerships post and lay members</p> <p>Safeguarding Manager, County Council</p> <p>Chair of the performance, audit and quality assurance subgroup</p>

vii. Seek assurance from TVP about progress on recording crime relating to sexual offences	Formal report in to the OSCB on an annual basis which includes data on numbers; prevalence and analysis of any emerging patterns. Scrutiny of report at the November 2015 Board meeting.	Oxford LPA commander
viii. Seek assurance from Oxfordshire County Council that there is appropriate access to the necessary range of Looked After Children placements	Children's Social Care to report on placements and include the impact of the county strategy to 'keep children closer to home' fully in the annual report to the board. Reporting to include the views of the Children in Care Council.  Scrutiny of report at the July 2015 Board meeting.	Deputy Director for Children's Social Care
ix. Ensure that reports on missing children statistics for the Board are fully interrogated to identify any emerging patterns	The reports on missing children statistics are reported in to the CSE subgroup which meets bimonthly to interrogate this data. The annual report to the board should include an assessment of the effectiveness of the multi-agency management of missing episodes; details on out of county children; return interviews as well as outcomes in terms of impact on the numbers of missing children and an analysis of emerging patterns.  Scrutiny of report at the November 2015 Board meeting	TVP and County Council leads for missing children and the Chair of the CSE subgroup (the LPA commander)
x. Seek assurance from Oxfordshire County	Deputy Director for Education from Oxfordshire County Council to report to the board setting out the guidance in place for schools on	Deputy Director of Education

<p>Council that there are good arrangements for the transfer of information between schools about child vulnerability, and that decisions around exclusion from school and its management (risk assessments and plans) take into account that the behaviour is or may be related to exploitation.</p>	<p>transfer arrangements for information and on school exclusions.</p> <p>Report on compliance with these arrangements to be provided by December 2015.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Head-teachers on the Board and within the OSCB Safeguarding In Education Subgroup should then consider how to promote better understanding and compliance of the guidance within Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>Head-teachers on the Board; Schools Safeguarding; OSCB Safeguarding In Education Subgroup Chair</p>
<p>xi. Seek assurance from NHS bodies, including general practice, that staff include the consideration that consent has been eroded through exploitation when</p>	<p>Provide a report that outlines the management of consent to treatment undertaken by health staff with children and young people to include audit of compliance and outcomes for November 2015</p>	<p>Members of the Health Advisory Group ( subgroup of the OSCB)</p>



<p>assessing a child's ability to consent to treatment and that referrals to statutory agencies will be made appropriately</p>		
<p>xii. Seek assurance from all member agencies that staff are aware of the guidance around consent to sexual activity, and relationships</p>	<p>Audit / Survey which checks that appropriate staff can evidence that they know where to access guidance around consent to sexual activity, and relationships and how they have used it to inform decisions.</p> <p>Report back to the OSCB full Board in November 2015.</p>	<p>OSCB Chair and member agencies</p>
<p>xiii. Continue to undertake rigorous multiagency case audits where CSE is suspected</p>	<p>Cases referred in to the Kingfisher team are reviewed on a weekly basis.</p> <p>PAQA to include an audit of cases which have been referred but not met the criteria for specialist help and referral in to the Kingfisher team to check the effectiveness of agencies in identifying and assessing CSE as a risk to young people and also managing that risk. Audit to be scheduled in 2015/16.</p>	<p>PAQA Chair</p>

## **Glossary of acronyms**

CSE	Child sexual exploitation
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
OCCG,	Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
OSCB	Oxfordshire safeguarding Children Board
OUH	Oxford University Hospitals
Oxford City DC	Oxford City District Council
LPA Commander	Local Police Area Commander
PAQA	Performance, Audit and Quality Assurance subgroup of the OSCB
South & Vale of WH DC	South & Vale of White Horse District Council
TVP	Thames Valley Police