

Herefordshire Child Exploitation & Contextual Safeguarding Conference 18 May 2022

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Darryl Freeman, Herefordshire's Director for Children's Services

Child exploitation - would you know the signs?

Short YouTube clip

Parents are often the first to notice that their child is being exploited. We hear their voices.

The world of Safeguarding is ever changing

As well as threats to the welfare of children from within their families, children may be vulnerable to abuse or exploitation from outside their families. These extra-familial threats might arise at school and other educational establishments, from within peer groups, or more widely from within the wider community and/or online.

These threats can take a variety of different forms and children can be vulnerable to multiple threats, including: exploitation by criminal gangs and organised crime groups such as county lines; trafficking, online abuse; sexual exploitation and the influences of extremism leading to radicalisation.

Government guidance requires agencies to work together to:

- ▶ Develop local prevention strategies;
- ▶ Identify children and young people at risk of exploitation;
- ▶ Take action to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people who are vulnerable to, or experiencing exploitation; and
- ▶ Take action against the facilitators and/or perpetrators of child exploitation.

Child sexual exploitation - a victim's story - YouTube

- ▶ A victim of child sexual exploitation tells her story.

Exploitation Team in Herefordshire: Who are we?

- ▶ Tanya Coad - Interim Team Manager covering for Ruby Card (Maternity Leave)
- ▶ *Content deleted 01.09.2022*

Guidance for practitioners

Any professional working with children, young people or care leavers where they are concerned about exploitation, should complete the Exploitation risk form. Exploitation includes: sexual, criminal, financial, modern slavery and radicalisation. This tool should be completed with reference to Herefordshire's multi-agency safeguarding procedures and the Right Help, Right Time level of needs document. **If the level of risk is assessed as EMERGING, consider Early Help. If MODERATE or above, make a referral to MASH and include the completed risk assessment.**

What we do

The team delivers **educative and preventative** direct work to children/young people/parents/carers with the aim of **reducing risks** associated with all forms of **moderate or significant** exploitation within Herefordshire.

How do we do it?

- ▶ We achieve this by holding regular **multi agency partnership** risk management meetings with the young person and their parents/carers where the individual concerns are explored and a **multi-agency** safety plan is developed with the young person and their support network in line with their needs.
- ▶ We also undertake **direct work** with the young person/parents/carers using a 12 unit work programme.

Where do we want to be?

- ▶ Co-located with partner agencies
- ▶ A Case holding team
- ▶ Work with Early help and emerging risk
- ▶ Clear pathways for Transition into adults
- ▶ Undertake community work - group work
- ▶ Work with schools and youth groups
- ▶ Dual delivery with other agencies to avoiding duplication
- ▶ Dual pathway CIN/CP/Risk Management
- ▶ Spaces and places assessments
- ▶ Effective Disruption reducing risk
- ▶ Introduce Child Exploitation Champions

And so... if you have a concern

**Submit a Multi Agency Referral
Form (MARF) and Exploitation
Risk Assessment to the MASH
Team**

Contact details

- ▶ If you need to speak to the MASH Team for advice - (01432) 260800
- ▶ Further information can be found regarding Child Exploitation can be found on the Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website [Child Exploitation and Missing Sub Group - Herefordshire Safeguarding \(herefordshiresafeguardingboards.org.uk\)](https://www.herefordshiresafeguardingboards.org.uk/child-exploitation-and-missing-sub-group)
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Superintendent
Edd Williams
West Mercia Police

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What MASH do.

- ▶ The MASH is a single point of entry.
- ▶ The Social Worker will follow the instructions provided on how this will then be screened.
- ▶ Consent.
- ▶ Once MASH checks are completed.
- ▶ Right Help Right Time document.
- ▶ Outcomes could be,
 - Early Help Assessment
 - No further action
 - A child and family assessment
 - Strategy meeting/s47.

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Please fill in the evaluation form.

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