

2021 Child Exploitation Pan London Operating Protocol

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‘Child Exploitation is everyone’s business and children that come to notice must be treated as a child first’



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Child Exploitation key issues

- Serious Case Review findings highlighted an inconsistent response to child exploitation leading to different outcomes for children
- Early intervention opportunities are being missed
- Exploitation victims are being exposed to criminality and serious youth violence
- Children coming to notice are not being treated as a child first



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What is the 2021 London Child Exploitation Protocol

- Police led, multi-agency document, equally owned by safeguarding partnerships designed to complement the CP procedures
- Builds on the good practice documented in the 2017 CSE protocol
- Jointly produced by the MPS / London SCP/ London Councils / Children's Social Care and replaces the 2017 CSE protocol
- Impacts MPS / Children's Social Care/ Education / Health / Parents and the wider community



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Protocol Aims

- Identify children at risk of exploitation and keep them safe
- Upskill all Safeguarding Partnerships to achieve a standardised collaborative approach to Child Exploitation
- Provide early intervention opportunities to stop or prevent children becoming victims of exploitation
- Provide front line responders with the correct disruption tools



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Major changes from the 2017 CSE Protocol

- Removal of CSE levels and creation of the non-crime 588 child exploitation CRIS report
- Prevention and early intervention (New)
- Intelligence submissions (New)
- Safeguarding children in custody (New)
- Keeping children safe when moving placements (New)
- Multi-Agency meeting structures (MACE) (New)



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Minor changes from the 2017 CSE Protocol

- 2017 chapters refreshed to encompass all areas of exploitation
- 87a updated to encompass to all areas of exploitation
- Gangs and OCGs
- Third party material guidance
- The importance of professional curiosity
- Language addressed throughout
- Definitions refreshed



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Forward look

- Protocol launch Thursday 18th March 2021
- Joint communication strategy encompassing MPS/Children's Social Care/Health/Education
- Implementation plan commences directed at Front Line Policing and Safeguarding partnerships. This will be jointly delivered by the MPS and London Councils partnership teams



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