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Better Together - Building system resilience to tackle Child Criminal Exploitation. Eastern Region Conference 13th January 2022

Workshop choices

You will need to choose 2 workshops to attend on the day

Workshop 1 - Beyond the Gate

Beyond the Gate is a school-based model to raise awareness of youth violence and other dangers to young people such as county lines, grooming, CSE and CCE. It seeks to create a school culture where:

- All those working in schools are able to identify those at risk through an understanding of the risk factors and indicators associated with youth violence
- All young people attending schools are empowered with relevant knowledge and understanding to make informed choices that keep themselves and others safe

Workshop 2 - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Board Partnership Approach to Exploitation

This workshop aims to share the structures of strategic oversight and monitoring in place across the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Board partnership. Highlight to participants challenges and examples of good practice including Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Alter ego Education Intervention and Peterborough Mapping Exercise.

Workshop 3 - Communication matters – why are YOTs employing Speech and Language Therapists?

The workshop will provide a brief overview of the research which has led to speech and language therapists joining the Youth Offending Team in Thurrock. We will give a summary of the scope of our role including a focus on collaborative working with a range of other professionals and share the outcomes and impact from our first year in the team.

Workshop 4 - Embedding the findings from the Lived Experience Project in Essex

This workshop will use a mixture of animation, project findings and staff perspectives to demonstrate the benefit of involving front line practitioners in increasing workforce resilience in working with children and families affected by child criminal exploitation.

Workshop 5 - Schools and knives – a protocol for reducing permanent exclusions

The Child safeguarding practice review “It was hard to escape” found that “Exclusion from mainstream school is seen as a trigger point for risk of serious harm”. We have been aware of this in Youth Justice for some time with permanent exclusion from mainstream education being a significant factor against desistance and the management of risk and safeguarding. The presentation will introduce Thurrock’s school policy which has been successful in sharing the risk with schools to avoid exclusion and the impact this has on pupil referral units.

Workshop 6 - Suffolk County Lines Pathfinder Direct Practice Approaches

What does a culturally competent practitioner look like in the context of criminal exploitation? How to recruit, train and develop staff to be more effective in working in this field.

Workshop 7 - Using relationship-based approaches to reduce vulnerability to exploitation and violence

Workshop will be facilitated by managers / practitioners in the TYSS / custody teams. It will include overview of practice principles, small group discussions to generate reflection on participants own professional practice. Workshops will include case examples and young person feedback/voice.

Workshop 8 - Violence prevention and information sharing within A&E departments

Presentation on Hertfordshire’s Violent Assault Dataset, which collects data from A&E departments on alcohol and weapon-related violent assaults, and an overview of youth projects within Hertfordshire A&E departments, including an overview of the Empathy project and Hospital Youth Workers. This will be followed by a workshop discussion to share best practice and discuss ways that working with A&E departments can help to develop local intelligence and prevent future violence across the region

Workshop 9 - Working alongside parents as partners when considering the impacting of child exploitation on the family system

The workshop will be facilitated by Central Bedfordshire’s Exploitation & Missing Coordinator and Bedfordshire’s VERU Exploitation Lead. It will include an overview of their practice and ethos to working with vulnerable children and families who are impacted on by exploitation. There will be a focus on how a Pan-Bedfordshire approach ensures clear disruption planning and systemic working, especially when working with parents as partners.

Workshop 10 - Applying Violence & Vulnerability Unit funding to a place-based approach

This workshop will explore how Essex are building on the embedded role of the Team Around the Family Support Officer by applying the role to a place-based approach. More specifically, for those children, young people and their families who are most at risk of entering the criminal justice system.