

<b>Criminalisation of Looked After Children</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Updates</b>
	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 1 – That Cabinet notes the report of the External Services Scrutiny Committee on the criminalisation of looked after children (LAC).</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 2 – That Cabinet gives consideration to increased opportunities for children in care to participate in local activities as set out in the report.</b></p>	<p>The promotion and sharing of local activities for children in care is an ongoing process via a range of work undertaken by practitioners who support children in care, ranging from personal advisers to virtual school staff. Local youth provision including our targeted programmes offer and wider education, recreation and leisure services are shared with our children in care and they are actively supported to take up these opportunities. Bespoke local activities are also delivered by social staff which include residential activities and social activities run by practitioners who support our Children in Care Council.</p>
	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 3 – That Cabinet encourages Councillors to actively promote awareness and advancement of LAC in the Borough.</b></p>	<p>A members training day is taking place on 5th September 2018. Members are encouraged to attend. This training will enlighten members to the lived experience of looked after children and assist in reiterating their role as corporate parents.</p>

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<b>Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation</b>	<b>That Cabinet welcomes the insight and findings of the Committee and asks officers to:</b>	
	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 1 – Develop a programme of CSE training for all Councillors.</b></p>	<p>The identification of and intervention to prevent further abuse when a child is sexually exploited is now embedded in social work practice. It is no longer an area of specialism. Social workers and multi-agency partners receive MOPAC funded training from the LSCB. Social workers access specialist training through the West London Alliance Teaching Partnership, which evidences their continued professional development and professional capability framework.</p> <p>Training was provided to Councillors in 2017 and a revised programme will be produced for delivery to the next Councillor Development Day in 2019.</p> <p>Councillors are able to access the one day training delivered by the Women &amp; Girls Network through the LSCB. This is a A one day training course, Child Sexual Exploitation a Trauma Focussed Approach.</p> <p>An up to date CSE report highlighting the work in the Borough was presented to POC in June 2018.</p>
	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 2 - Work with partner agencies to provide training and clarity around the procedures in relation to reporting missing children.</b></p>	<p>In June 2018, Hillingdon launched the Vulnerable Young People’s Risk Management Group. This multi-agency group uses the principles of the MASE panel but looks at sexual exploitation and associated risk factors for young people such as missing, county lines, serious youth violence and radicalisation. Ofsted recognise Hillingdon’s vision in responding to increasing contextual risk factors in Hillingdon. The good work undertaken by social workers</p>

		<p>and multi-agency partners will continue but expand to include other vulnerable children and respond to local and national needs.</p> <p>LSCB partners have adopted a new Missing Policy and practice guidance. This has now been embedded in practice since March 2018. Missing strategy meetings take place routinely and partners attend and contribute to ensure the needs of children who go missing are considered timely and in a multi agency forum.</p> <p>Training on CSE a Trauma focused approach is available for all professionals via LSCB and West London Alliance.</p>
	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 3 - Work with partner agencies to identify improvements in procedures to:</b></p> <p><b>a. prevent delays in relation to information sharing; and</b></p> <p><b>b. ensure that the Board of Governors safeguarding leads are included in relevant information sharing processes.</b></p>	<p>The newly formed Police West Area BCU consists of three Boroughs, Hillingdon, Ealing and Hounslow. CSE officers work across all three. This is already proving valuable in information sharing across locations frequented by young people. The continuation of proactive interventions, as seen in Operation Makesafe will continue across Hillingdon with locations to be targeted, already identified.</p> <p>The Child Protection Adviser for Education and LADO attend the Governors termly meetings by invite to share general practice updates and emerging child protection themes.</p>
	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 4 - Work with partner agencies to investigate the possibility of mapping CSE related resources across the Borough.</b></p>	<p>The successful intervention in safeguarding children from sexual exploitation is attributed to the co-location of specialist Child Sexual Exploitation Police Officers in MASH, to identify grooming and postcode gangs early through strategy meetings and escalation to MASE. A further success factor in early identification of group grooming and exploitation activity is through AXIS. This service is co-located in the Youth Offending Service. They work with young people who may not be receiving statutory services but have been identified as being on the periphery of risk by their own behaviour or through association. AXIS provide intervention and</p>

support in collaboration with other services in order to reduce risk and prevent escalation. Key to their role is the intelligence mapping of youth activity across the borough. Health Partners assess and refer children attending Accident and Emergency, Minor Injury units and Early pregnancy units. The children are considered at weekly multidisciplinary meetings to ensure the right response to each child. Axis intelligence sharing ensures that lead professionals who know and or work with the children and young people in question, have a rounded understanding of risks and issues that they may not be fully aware of so they may provide appropriate intervention and support. The process also informs intervention for young people who may not be already known to agencies.

The Vulnerable Young People's Risk Management Group hears all cases of high risk vulnerability and works in collaboration with Axis to identify individuals and areas of concern on the Borough. Information is also shared with the Community Safety Team who are carrying out a number of community engagement events specifically targeting areas known for crime and antisocial behaviour. This is assisting us in starting to develop a local profile of the risks and associated vulnerabilities that our children and young people are experiencing. A Child Sexual Abuse, Emotional Wellbeing service starts in the Borough in the coming months and will provide therapeutic intervention for victims of abuse.