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## High Level Overview:

- ▶ 173 exploitation toolkits (children being monitored by the Exploitation Team)
- ▶ 87 males, 83 females, 3 identifying as transgender
- ▶ 132 children identified as vulnerable to Child Criminal Exploitation
- ▶ 76 children identified as vulnerable to Child Sexual Exploitation
- ▶ 35 children identified as vulnerable to both CCE and CS

## Child Sexual Exploitation:

- ▶ 11 males, 60 females, 1 identifying as transgender
- ▶ 11 children being sexually exploited (HIGH toolkits)
- ▶ 65 children vulnerable to sexual exploitation (MEDIUM toolkits)

## Child Criminal Exploitation:

- ▶ 81 males, 48 females, 3 identifying as transgender
- ▶ 33 children being criminally exploited (HIGH toolkits)
- ▶ 98 children vulnerable to criminal exploitation (MEDIUM toolkits)

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## Comparative Data from November 2022 to July 2023

CCE Alert Stats (Table C)	Last data – 07/11/22	18/07/23 Totals	Difference
Children with CCE (Inc CCE&CSE)	102	132	30
Male	69	81	12
Female	33	48	15
Transgender	3	3	0
RED	21	33	12
AMBER	83	98	15
CSE Alert Stats (Table D)	Last data – 07/11/22	18/07/23 Totals	Difference
Children with CSE (Inc CCE&CSE)	62	76	14
Male	11	11	0
Female	51	60	9
Transgender	0	1	1
RED	10	11	1
AMBER	55	65	10
Toolkit Stats (Table B)	Last data – 07/11/22	18/07/23 Totals	Difference
Current Toolkits	141	173	32
Children with CCE alerts	105	132	27
Children with CSE alerts	65	76	11
Children with both CSE and CCE	29	35	6
Male	75	87	12
Female	63	83	20
Transgender	3	3	0

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What do we know from data or other information about the profile of these issues in Torbay?

All forms of exploitation presents – strong links to West Midlands

Maturing use of data – Exploitation Tracker, data provided on daily basis with 42 breakdown options

Older young people being criminally exploited have strong links to poly substance use and supply (peer on peer)

Younger children being criminally exploited becoming increasingly involved in vehicle crim (less substance use)

Youngest child with exploitation toolkit – 9  
Dominant age group – 15-16  
Increasing identification at ages 10-12

Sexual exploitation identified in respect of individual children – no current identification of organized child sexual exploitation

Sexual exploitation within peer groups is a concern

Equal numbers of vulnerable boys and girls, with boys more vulnerable to CCE and girls to CSE

NRM referrals: 17 with positive grounds, 1 with conclusive grounds and 1 declined (UASC)

## Links with education:

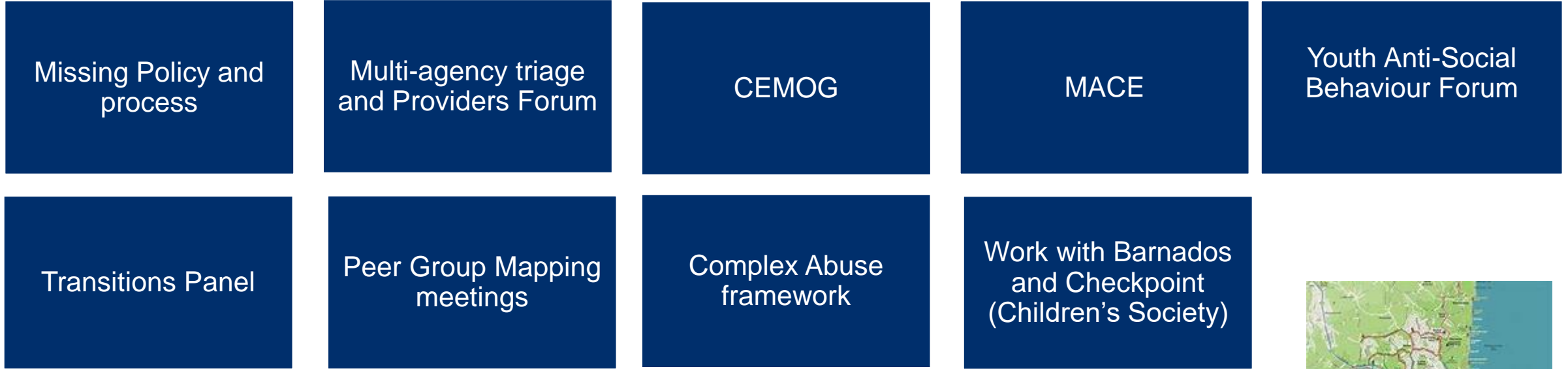
- 22% of those children subject to exploitation toolkits also have an EHCP. Area for development identified to extend analysis to those at SEN K through preventative work.
- Top twenty analysis: 7 (35%) had experienced suspension; 2 (10%) recently excluded; 19 (95%) experiencing poor attendance; 9 (45%) have EHCPs; 5 (25%) receiving support at SEN K.



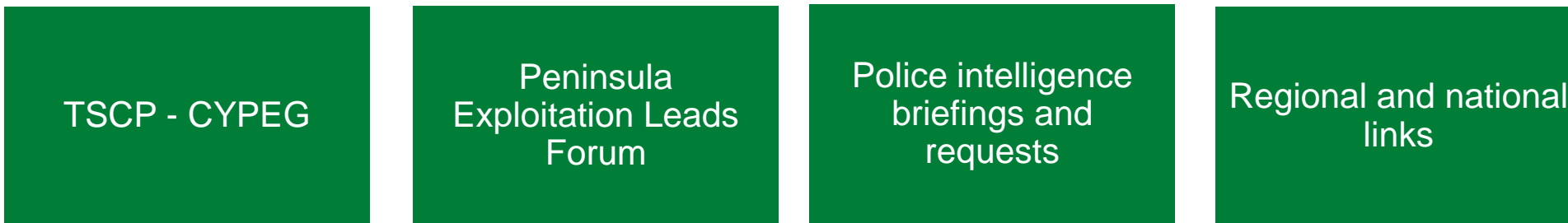
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How does Torbay engage and share intelligence with key partners?

## Operational forums



## Strategic forums



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## What is the impact?

- High quality multi-agency partnerships based on high support/high challenge where needed to safeguard children.
- Strategic relationships and 'contacts' filter down to operational relationships to assist discussing and planning responses for individual children at practitioner level.
- Any process or practice queries are escalated, discussed and options for resolution identified
- Good information sharing in key meetings about individual children and families resulting in decisions also being contextually informed.
- Increased confidence of staff across all agencies to identify and have the appropriate routes to discuss and refer concerns regarding all types of child exploitation.
- Swift identification of individual children, peer groups, or adults of concern which leads to timely and appropriate information sharing to develop support and disruption plans.
- Engagement with parents and carers to promote safety/understanding of exploitation and safety planning with the family.
- Information movement between different operational panels (ASB, MACE, CEMOG and Transition) filtering down to operational staff.



# Other forms of exploitation

## **Moped theft and wider vehicle crime:**

- High social media and public interest.
  - High impact on community.
  - High risk of serious harm or fatality.
- Operation Hawkbox and complex abuse framework initiated.
- Current evidence base identifies ASB and organized crime between small group of young people and some young adults identified of concern.
  - MACE being used for intelligence gathering.

## **Drug supply with indicators of organized crime/drug networks:**

- Peer group mapping in place.
- Use of child protection processes initiated, incorporating consideration of safeguarding of siblings associated.
- Use of MACE in respect of addresses and adults of concern.

## **County lines between Torbay and West Midlands:**

- Use of MACE to track new adults moving into area where risk identified.
- Mapping of adults of concern and close joint work with domestic abuse services.
- Ongoing information-sharing between police and Children's.

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## Transitions arrangements -

- All children with a Red toolkit will be discussed at transitions panel prior to turning 18.
- All children with an NRM (either accepted or with reasonable grounds status) will be discussed at transitions panel.
- The role of the Panel is to provide management oversight, support and challenge in respect of the transition planning in relation to all cared for children and children with disabilities from the age of fourteen and above and this has now been extended to include children who are experiencing exploitation. Panel will consider current placements and support packages, transition planning and joint work with adult services, issues in relation to liberty protection safeguards and restrictive measures, joint work between the allocated social worker and Personal Advisor where appropriate, preparation for independence work and post-eighteen accommodation and support planning.



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## Keeping a focus on Sexual Exploitation

- Sexual exploitation continues to be questioned and challenged by the exploitation team – including within peer group mapping and toolkit sessions.
- Working alongside our commissioned intervention provider (Barnardo's) to ensure that we are sharing information and intelligence and that children are supported to report any crimes.
- Ensuring that Barnardo's are engaged with our TSCP strategic forum (CYPEG) so that at a strategic level we know what is happening on the ground in terms of children's lived experiences and service delivery and need.
- Strong links and partner agency working with our colleagues in 'Health' to ensure that there is information sharing between services such as A&E and the Sexual Health Service.
- Attendance of the exploitation team at Harmful Sexual Behaviour strategy meetings.
- Adults of concern referred in to the Mace forum.

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## Keeping a focus on Sexual Exploitation

- Our local offer of intervention for children and young people who are at risk of, or are experiencing sexual exploitation is commissioned through Barnardo's for children aged 10-18 however Barnardo's have now extended their offer to include their Exceed Service which is Funded by the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner in Devon and Cornwall until March 2025.
- The scope of the offer is extensive and provides a continuum of levels of intervention to ensure that children and young people are able to access a range of support.
- This support is available to: Any young person at 'red' (known CSE) from 8-18.
- Care experienced young people up to 25 and Young people with additional needs up to 25 (supporting transitions)
- Children in Care of Other Local Authorities (CICOLA)
- Boys and young men
- LGBTQ+ young people and Ethnic minority communities

# Other priorities




Independent Scrutineer undertaking report aligned to the JTAI as preparation, which has fed into a MACA focused on child criminal exploitation. MACA has take place and report will be shared in September '23. Action planning will take place in response.



Training provided commissioned to deliver training on child criminal and sexual exploitation, responding to missing and the NRM process, with separate modules for each. This is in addition to the TSCP training on offer in respect of the local profile and processes. Training for our fostering families has also been reviewed in February 2023 and there is an ongoing offer of Foster Carer training.



Audit framework and cycle includes responses to exploitation and missing children through core audits, as well as dip sampling every three months. Transitions Panel has also been expanded to include those young people subject to an NRM and at risk of exploitation.




The exploitation toolkit has now been embedded on LCS and PREVENT questions have been incorporated into this (as of January 2023). The conversion from Word to LCS will allow for 30 categories of data to be reported on. There will be a period of data migration that the team will need to work through.



Engagement with police activity including Operation Medusa (intensification of work tackling county lines) from 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to March 2023 and with new police led initiative; Operation Hawkbox (ongoing); Project Noxa – pilot commencing in July '23.

# What next?



Continue to use performance surgeries to monitor and track performance in relation to toolkits and Return Home Interviews: this also includes learning from audits, including the MACA.



Continue to enhance how exploitation and missing risk is considered and responded to within the transition period for young people.



TSCP Task and Finish group established to progress a Torbay contextual safeguarding model with a view to this work commencing in Autumn '23.



Undertake the Missing Children's self-assessment tool, and embed outcome of this and Independent Scrutineer report into ongoing strategic action plan.



Continue to enhance the working relationship between Children's Services and Community Safety Partnership.